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GLEAM OF HOPE?

Mr. Eugene Chen and Mr. O'Malley Confer Again.

FUTURE OF SHANGHAI.

Russian News Agency Denies Troop Moves.

The most important item in to-day's news about China is a cable from Hankow stating that the Nationalist Foreign Minister, Mr. Eugene Chen, and the British Legation representative, Mr. O'Malley, have had a meeting for the first time since the rupture of negotiations.

Another interesting message refers to the future of Shanghai, concerning which American action is interpreted as meaning the eventual abolition of the international character of the Settlement.

SHANGHAI'S FUTURE.

Abolition of the Settlement Foreshadowed.

Washington, Feb. 7. The text of Mr. Kellogg's note to Peking and Canton suggesting that Shanghai should be a neutral zone was published last night.

It is an expression of United States willingness to negotiate regarding the future status of the Settlement and is interpreted in diplomatic circles here to mean the eventual abolition of the international character of the Settlement.

SIGNIFICANT!

Mr. Eugene Chen Sees Mr. O'Malley.

Hankow, Feb. 7. Mr. Eugene Chen to-day had a conference with Mr. O'Malley for the first time since the rupture of negotiations. —Reuter.

It is believed that the Note was addressed to the Chinese military, not civil, officials, because it thus avoids the technical recognition of the Canton Government.

It is significant that Mr. Kellogg speaks on behalf of all the foreigners in the International Settlement, and it is known that the proposal, although made independently, was communicated to the Ambassadors of the interested Powers in advance. —Reuter's American Service.

The British Government fully sympathizes with the idea behind the United States suggestion regarding Shanghai cabled on Feb. 6, which is regarded as showing considerable co-ordination of view with British policy, namely, to ensure the safety of foreigners in Shanghai. —Reuter.

A Washington cable dated Feb. 5 stated:—The American Government has made a proposal to both Canton and Peking that the Shanghai International Settlement should be excluded from the theatre of hostilities. The proposal has been sent to Mr. McMurray for transmission to the Northern and Southern warlords. No answers have as yet been received.

NAVAL WIRELESS MESSAGES

Customs House Cleared Of Troops.

The following wireless messages were received overnight by the local naval authorities. Troop movements down river from Ichang continue.

The Customs residences have now been cleared of troops.

A message from Hankow yesterday evening stated that the situation remained quiet and at the time the message was dispatched the "day of mourning for the martyrs" had passed off without incident.

A Kukiang message states that troop movements up the river continue.

BRITAIN AND ITALY.

Independent Policies Completely Coincide.

Rome, Feb. 7. Discussing Italy's attitude to the Chinese crisis, the "Tribuna" says that while sympathizing with the Chinese Nationalist movement, Italy is obliged to defend the interests threatened by the excesses of this movement.

The violent abolition of the existing treaties would mean the loss of the sole means of defending the European interests concerned.

The paper emphasizes the importance of Italian interests in China, which it says must be energetically defended, particularly at Shanghai.

The Italian reservations conform with the Memorandum of Dec. 18, but as Britain is proceeding to the material defence of her interests, these reservations now lack any raison d'être.

The British and Italian policies, while independent, completely coincide by reason of common necessity. —Reuter.

MENACE TO PEACE.

Policy of Russian Agents In China.

London, Feb. 7. The Executive Committee of the Social Democratic Federation were unanimous in completely agreeing to the demands of the "Hands off China" agitation and expressing the opinion that the "declared policy of Russian agents in China, aimed at preventing a settlement by negotiation, is a great menace to the peace of the world which, if successfully persisted in, will inevitably prevent the consolidation of Chinese Nationalist opinion to combat the forces of world imperialism and will lead directly to war." —Reuter.

TROOP SHIP.

Sails From Port Said For China.

Port Said, Feb. 7. The troopship "Kildonan Castle" has left here for China. —Reuter.

[On Jan. 29 this ship sailed from Southampton with the 1st. Batt., the Devonshire Regiment, commanded by Brevet Lt.-Col. W. E. Scate, C.M.G., D.S.O., being a unit of the 14th Infantry Brigade bound for Shanghai.]

KOWLOON TRAIN.

Plastered With Violent Posters.

Yesterday afternoon's through train from Canton to Kowloon was found to be plastered throughout with anti-British posters and propaganda of the most virulent kind on the arrival of the train at Shun Chun, on the border, these having apparently been placed there during the train's transit through Chinese territory.

The local Police conducted a search of passengers on the train's arrival at Kowloon but nothing of an incriminating nature was found.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

America and Shanghai's Defence.

New York, Feb. 7. The text of the United States Government's proposals to eliminate the International Settlement at Shanghai from the zone of warlike activities has been issued.

It points out the importance of the area to the Chinese, the huge investments there and the necessity for maintaining order in a Settlement through which passes forty per cent of the trade of China.

After expressing confidence that Chang Tso-lin and Chang Kai-shek will lend sincere support to the proposals, the Note says: "The United States Government will be ready to become a party to friendly, orderly negotiations, properly instituted and conducted with regard

SHANGHAI DEFENCE.

Cantonese Pressure Relieved?

AN IMPORTANT SETBACK.

Shanghai, Feb. 8. According to a very reliable foreign report Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's troops have captured Chuchow. The defeated troops are retreating towards the Kiangsi border. —Reuter.

If correct, the above report signifies a definite and important setback for the Cantonese in their operations towards Shanghai.

Chuchow is more than 100 miles south-west by south of Hangchow city, the main base of the Northern Army now fighting the vanguard of the Nationalists in Chekiang province.

Intricacies Explained. Vernacular cables since China New Year have hinted at difficulties for Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's defence forces outside Hangchow. Accordingly, it is presumed that the troops mentioned in the above cable as having repulsed the Southerners are those of General Chow Yen-jen, who was driven out of Foochow by the Kuomintang Army from Swatow.

The "Chuchow" mentioned in the cable is probably the capital of Chuchow prefecture, lying a good distance inland and close to the border with Kiangsi province. Relief for Shanghai. General Chow Yen-jen was reported to be retreating northwards in that direction and must have clashed with the Cantonese barring his road back North.

By retiring towards the Kiangsi border the Cantonese will be falling back on their big camps in Kiangsi province, where General Chang Kai-shek has his personal commands.

The capture of Chuchow ought to have the effect of relieving the pressure at present being exerted by the Cantonese on the Northern army defending the approaches to Shanghai.

to the future status of the settlement. —Reuter's American Service.

British Comment.

London, Feb. 7. The United States proposal to the contending factions in China that they should exclude the International Settlement at Shanghai from the theatre of warlike activities, receives prominence in the Press here. Typical comment is that of the "Manchester Guardian" which says: "Though the full meaning of the proposal is not clear, in any case brings America into the negotiations as a powerful influence in restraint of extreme action, and must therefore make for the greater safety of British and other residents at Shanghai."

Measures for the protection of their respective nationals in China are now reported to have been taken by Japan and Italy, as well as by Great Britain and the United States.

SOVIET TROOPS.

Russian News Agency Denies Concentration.

Moscow, Feb. 7. The Russian News Agency authoritatively denies reports of alleged concentration of Soviet troops in the Far East. —Reuter.

States. A Japanese cruiser and four destroyers with a landing party have been ordered to await instructions at Sasebo. —British Wireless.

"Times" Views.

London, Feb. 7. The "Times" in an editorial comments the suggestion to land the Shanghai Defence Force in Hong Kong and says there should be no deviation from the decision of the Government to send the force to Shanghai direct.

"Every practical reason, not only of security but of successful negotiation, suggests that the sooner our troops are in a position to demonstrate the real purpose of their mission, namely the protection of the British in Shanghai, the better chance there is of dispelling the clouds of misinterpretation which have hitherto dimmed the prospects of settlement."

"To concentrate an armed force at some neighbouring point is to leave its object unknown and threatening. A practical demonstration that it is neither aggressive nor imperialistic, and that it is intended and conducted with regard

"KO CHOW" SURPRISE.

Police Drop Charge Against Twenty.

ONLY ONE MAN TO BE TRIED.

The case in which twenty-one Chinese, arrested on board the s.s. "Ko Chow" on January 20, and subsequently charged before Mr. R. E. Linnell at the Central Magistracy with the illegal possession of firearms which, it was believed, were being smuggled on board with a view to pirating the vessel, took an unexpected turn this morning, when, on the application of Chief Det. Insp. T. Murphy, all but one of the defendants were discharged, the Police offering no evidence against the twenty men.

Mr. Duncan McCallum appeared for the 14th accused who was one of the men discharged by his Worship. The remainder, including the 1st accused—the man detained—were not represented.

After the twenty men had left the Court Insp. Murphy stated that he had been instructed to ask his Worship to arrange for the case to be dealt with summarily by two magistrates. He, Insp. Murphy, was unable to say at the moment when it would be convenient to the Police as it was not definitely known when the "Ko Chow" would next be in port.

After further discussion, his Worship formally remanded the accused in Police custody until Thursday morning.

It will be recalled that the arms and ammunition in connection with the case were discovered buried in a number of baskets containing eggs which, however, escaped the searchers at the wharf who did not suspect anything unusual. The comrade of the vessel, however, considered the men of a type that did not usually travel second class and a closer search was made, revealing the eggs hidden as stated.

POISONED.

5 VICTIMS CONVEYED TO HOSPITAL.

PEEL STREET AFFAIR.

As the employees of a shop at 31, Peel Street, Hong Kong, were partaking of breakfast this morning, the whole party suddenly collapsed, apparently from poisoning.

One of the members of the party crawled to the door and managed to attract the attention of the owner of a cigarette shop across the road. By signs—he was in too critical a condition to speak—he intimated what was wrong, and medical assistance was sent for.

Dr. Jew Hawk and Dr. Thomas were quickly on the spot and the poisoned party—five in all—were conveyed to the Government Civil Hospital where they lie in a critical condition.

The police are investigating the case.

FAIR.

FRESH NORTH-EAST WINDS.

Till noon to-morrow the official weather forecast for all local districts is as follows:—N.E. winds, fresh, fair.

At 11.30 this morning the Observatory reported as follows:—Pressure has increased slightly in all districts. The anticyclone has again strengthened slightly. Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day: Barometer 30.33; temperature 49; humidity 39; wind N.; force 2; weather overcast.

TWO PRIESTS SAFE.

Hankow, Feb. 7. The two Catholic priests have reached Hanyang. Both are well. —Reuter.

[A Hankow message dated Feb. 5 said: "Somewhere in the icy slush-covered wilderness in the north-west of Hupeh barefooted and without clothing except trousers and undershirts Fathers E. MacDonald and Patrick O'Connell of the St. Columban missionaries are being dragged into the interior by some 2,000 members of the Farmers' Union. Their church at a small village 150 miles from Hankow has been completely destroyed. On January 29 the two fathers were stabbed, beaten, disrobed and marched off barefoot and they have not been heard of since.]

LAST RITES.

Funeral of Japan's Late Emperor.

PICTURESQUE SPLENDOUR.

Tokyo, Feb. 7. Amid scenes of impressive solemnity and picturesque splendour the last mortal remains of Emperor Taisho were escorted this evening to the temporary pavilion in the Shinjuku Palace gardens from the main Palace.

The 4-mile route was sprinkled with white, and in spite of the bitter cold of a winter night it was lined with hundreds of thousands of spectators who waited, some as long as eighteen hours, for the procession.

This loomed into sight through the darkness of the night, which was broken by a weird flickering light from the flaming torches carried by members of the procession. On arrival at the Pavilion a funeral service was held at which the Emperor and Empress, members of the Royal family, Cabinet Ministers, foreign envoys and others were present.

On the completion of these obsequies at midnight the coffin will be conveyed to little village of Higashiasakawa, northwards of Tokyo, from which it will be borne to the newly-completed Imperial Mausoleum one mile away. —Reuter.

The Toll of the Crowd. Later. During the funeral procession, owing to the large crowd, about a

TROUBLE AT OPORTO.

Section of Garrison In Revolt.

Lisbon, Feb. 7. Government troops and aeroplanes are bombarding Oporto following the revolt of a section of the garrison.

The rebels, who entrenched themselves, later offered to surrender, but the Minister of War declined to accept the conditions. He called for reinforcements and resumed the bombardment. —Reuter.

hundred persons were injured, five seriously. One was killed. Twenty people were injured as a result of falling into a ditch. Many other casualties are believed to have occurred in other parts of the city, but details are not yet available. —Reuter.

Services In London.

A service of prayer and recollection for the late Emperor of Japan, who held the rank of Field Marshal in the British Army, will be held at Westminster Abbey next Wednesday.

The King will be represented by Prince Arthur of Connaught.

Sir Lamington Worthington Evans, Secretary for War, and General Sir George Milne, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, will attend, and five Field Marshals will be present, namely Lord Methuen, Earl Haig, Viscount Allenby, Sir William Robertson and Sir Claud Jacob.

Field Marshal Sir William Birdwood also will be represented. —British Wireless Service.

Hong Kong's Sympathy.

Among those who called yesterday at the residence of the Japanese Consul to express their condolence and sympathy with Japan and the Japanese on the death of the late Emperor were Capt. Steele (on behalf of H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi), the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern (Colonial Secretary), Major-General C. C. Luard (D.O. South China Command), Mr. W. W. Hornell, Commodore J. L. Parsons, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. M. C. Messer, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Hon. Mr. H. W. B. H. Pollock, K.C., Sir Shou-sen Chow, Hon. Dr. R. H. Katerwall, C.M.G., Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Bishop of Victoria, and many European and Chinese business men of the Colony.

From 4.30 to 5.30 p.m. Japanese residents were received by the Japanese Consul-General. No fewer than 400 Japanese paid their last homage before the Imperial portrait. The pupils of the Japanese Grammar School also attended. At six o'clock a large gathering of Japanese residents observed the two minutes silence in the grounds of the Consul's residence.

Religious service was performed by the Buddhists at the Honganji Temple at nine o'clock last night. The Japanese Consulate and the Japanese Grammar School will remain closed to-day.

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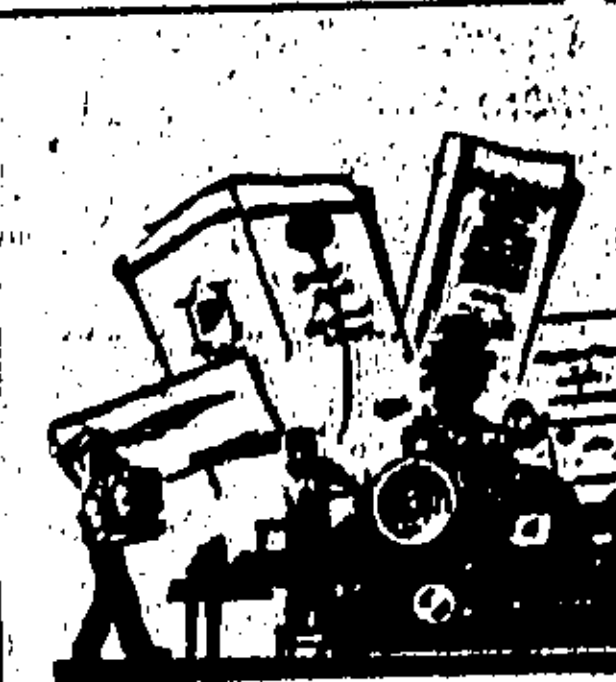
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Hong Kong, 8th Feb., 1927.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th February to the 14th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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STILL AN ANIMAL.

MAN MISSING THE ROAD TO HEALTH.

At the annual meeting of the New Health Society Mr. R. S. Provis said that five days before he resorted to natural methods of cure he had been given six hours to live. He had been attended by twelve doctors. He gave up drugs for ten days, never tasted food, and took only orange juice. In twelve days he had practically recovered. Now he had been passed as a first-class life by an insurance company. Sir Arbuthnot Lane, who presided, said that for a long time it had been painfully obvious to all observers that the members of all civilized communities had been undergoing a steady and rapid process of degeneration; that their physique had been becoming more and more enfeebled, that they readily became victims of disease, and that when attacked succumbed only too readily to it. The startling rapidity with which civilization was destroying lives was due to the rapid spread of the use of white bread and the innumerable articles of diet the vital ingredients of which had been destroyed or removed by mechanical, chemical, or other means.

People living in a state of civilization too readily imagined that because of the development of their mental faculties they were no longer animals, and that they could dispense with their natural food, and could meet their failure to function normally by artificial means.

The basic cause of all the troubles in civilized life, moral as well as physical, was a want of proper attention to the normal functioning of the gastro-intestinal tract, which resulted from artificial and unnatural diet in the first instance. To avoid taking trouble and having recourse to natural food, poisonous drugs, which annoyed the intestines by their irritant qualities, were taken in abundance. All purgatives were deleterious and should be absolutely unnecessary if suitable food were eaten and normal habits adopted. That the bulk of disease was already regarded as avoidable only meant that within a short time it would be regarded as criminal to have any disability or disease which resulted from the neglect of the laws of health.

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Jews (says the New York "Times") now comprise nearly a third of the population of New York City, according to estimates based upon the Jewish Education Association's recent survey, which gives the number of Jews as 1,750,000 out of a total population of 5,224,000. In the past decade the number of Jews has increased by 250,000. Their children of school age number 350,000, or 38 per cent. of the child population of the city.

During the past five prosperous years there has been a marked movement of Jewish families away from Lower East Side, West Side, and Harlem, districts with a poor type of tenement, out into the suburbs of Upper Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, and other desirable Long Island sections with houses or the newer type of apartments.

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"PEOPLE OUGHT TO KNOW."

"There has been much discussion recently as to what was the effect of public knowledge in cases of this kind. One of the effects is illustrated in the present case," said Lord Merrivale, in the Divorce Court in Hall week, in dealing with the petition of Mr. Alan Cecil Gifford, of Boundary-rd., St. John's Wood, London, who sought a decree nisi against his wife, Phyllis, on the ground of her alleged misconduct with the co-respondent, Mr. Leonard George Freeman.

The suit was not defended. Evidence was given by the petitioner, by Mrs. Annie Robbins, of The Grove, Hammersmith, nurse, and Miss Marjorie Peopie, petitioner's clerk.

At the recent hearing, Lord Merrivale said he had grave doubts whether the petitioner was a competent person to bring divorce proceedings against the co-respondent in the circumstances.

He found that the charges of misconduct were proved, and ordered that the case should stand over for argument on the question of cohabitation.

Mr. Noel Middleton, for the petitioner, submitted that there had been no collusion.

"Carrying On."

Lord Merrivale said the petition in his mind stood in this position: While the husband was away from his wife and the wife was carrying on illicitly with the co-respondent, the latter went to the husband and purchased his (Gifford's) consent to a continuance.—Mr. Middleton: Yes.

Lord Merrivale: Well, if you can quote any procedure which gives the Court liberty to make a decree nisi in such circumstances, I shall be glad to hear of it.

Mr. Middleton said that in the present instance the husband had to complain of his wife's conduct with her chauffeur, and later with regard to the co-respondent.

The petitioner began divorce proceedings against Mr. Freeman without claiming damages. These were somewhat delayed, because there was a ready petition on the file in which the co-respondent was the chauffeur.

At the time when the second petition was pending Mr. Freeman, the co-respondent, became aware of it, and with the desire, perhaps, mainly to protect himself, and perhaps also to protect the woman, he sought out Gifford entirely on his own initiative.

An interview was arranged between the two men and the husband agreed to accept a sum of money from the co-respondent by way of damages and costs.

On the next day Mr. Gifford's petition for divorce was filed, and the petitioner at once informed the solicitor of what had happened. The solicitor immediately repudiated the arrangement.

Collusion.

Lord Merrivale said this was a husband's petition for divorce, alleging acts of misconduct between his wife and the co-respondent on various dates in 1925, but mainly from March to July, 1926, when the wife and co-respondent lived together at East Sheen.

The present petition was the second which the petitioner had filed alleging misconduct between his wife and Mr. Freeman.

It appeared that while the second petition was pending the husband and the co-respondent were in communication, and the husband entered into an agreement, the basis of which was the payment to Mr. Gifford of £1,750, with provision for the future payment of 2750 in

OLD-TIME MEAL.

VAIN QUEST FOR REAL ENGLISH MENU.

Where is the old-fashioned English dinner? It is not to be found easily, a returned exile complains, in London.

To a London "Daily Chronicle" representative the traveller related the tale of his search for a typical English dinner.

"I have been away from England for 25 years," he said. "During the greater part of the time I have been indifferently fed, and I made up my mind that I should celebrate my return to London by an old-fashioned dinner, such as our cook used to give us in my old home when I was a young man. I wanted something rather more than a chop in a good chop-house or a slice of beef and two vegetables.

I remember the dinner we had at home the night before I left for the East. The menu was lamb soup, boiled turbot, Irish stew and trifle, with cheese straws as a savoury. I spent last night looking at restaurant menus; I noticed that turbot was included in some of them, but none of the chefs of these restaurants appeared to have ever heard of Irish stew; it seems impossible to get a really good trifle in London, or a jam 'rolly-poly, or even a good old-fashioned apple pie. No first-class restaurant will admit a knowledge of billy muddings or hotpot, so that the returned traveller must wait for invitations to private houses if he wants to enjoy good English cooking.

Otherwise he will have to put up with bad English cooking or with good French cooking—which he may dislike."

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EAGLE ATTACKS MOTOR CAR.

Paris, Jan. 7.

A royal eagle, measuring six feet from tip to tip of its wings swept down and attacked an automobile which was going along a country road, at Chamey. The bird fell injured on the roadway and was killed.

respect of the misconduct between Mrs. Gifford and the co-respondent.

It was obvious that the petition was a collusive petition. It was dismissed, and the present one filed. Therefore, it became necessary to decide whether the petitioner had connived at or condoned the alleged adultery.

He said he stated the grounds in the case in such a manner that they might become a matter of public knowledge.

Dispel Ignorance.

"It has been said that people do not know that a man who deals with married relations in the way that petitioner has is disabled from getting a divorce. If people do not know it, they ought to know."

"At any rate the means of publicity still available will no doubt help to dispel the ignorance to which reference has been made if it existed."

"I confess to a belief that the average English citizen whether he possess pounds or pence, does not understand the true or natural effect of such a bargain as has been proved in this case."

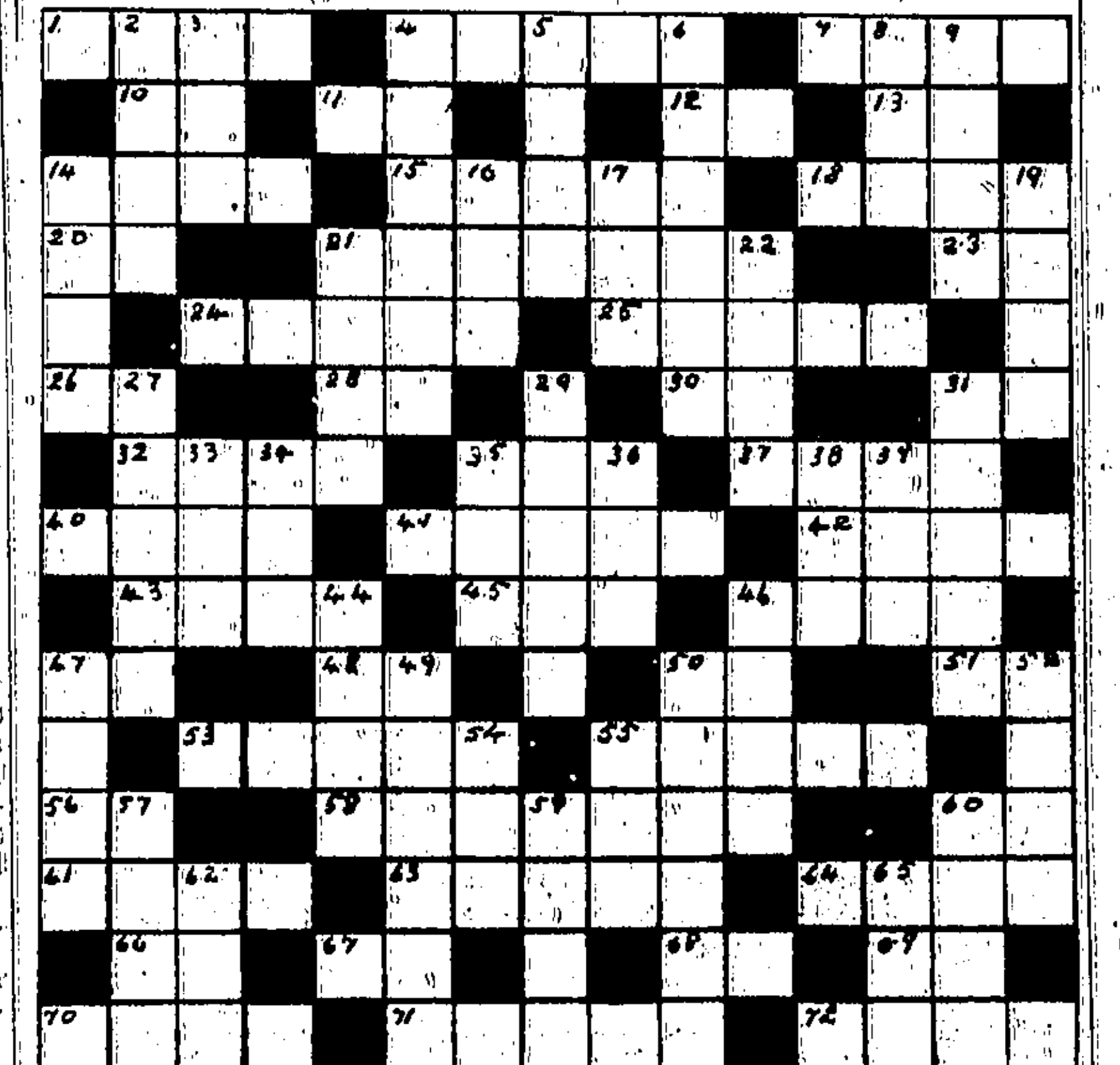
The petition was dismissed.

"CHINA MAIL" CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

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Clues Across.

1. To keep in safety.
4. A knob in roots.
7. To ripple.
10. Postscript (abbrev.)
11. Direction.
12. Printers' unit of measure.
13. Thus.
14. Conducts water to a mill.
15. Turns round.
16. Oceans.
20. 3rd. pers. sing. pres. of "Be."
21. A small tinned fish.
22. Mother.
24. To revolve.
25. Style of expression.
26. Edition (abbrev.)
28. Doctor of Divinity (abbrev.)
30. Us.
31. Advertisement (abbrev.)
32. Thick hempen cord.
35. Open (poetic).
37. Close by.
40. A genus of rodent quadruped.
41. A lifting machine.
42. Destruction.
43. A girl's name.
45. To perform.
46. A mail.
47. Church of England (abbrev.)
48. 6th. note in scale.
50. Like this.
51. Her (no II).
53. Begin.
55. An erection.
56. V.A. (actual).
58. A pot for storing in.
60. Theosophical Society (init.).
61. To increase.
68. Mentally conceived.
64. A box.
67. Masculine pronoun.
68. In the same manner.
69. Knock-out (brev.).
69. Hold; stop; (inter.).
70. To provide for.
71. Twists.
72. To send away (as from employment).
2. Imitates.
3. Royal Scottish Society (abbrev.)
4. Ready to do.
5. Keep together.
6. To snow again.
8. To employ.
9. To wander.
14. Animate existence.
16. Part of word, 'orl king.'
17. Dull.
19. A variety of quartz.
21. Edge or border of anything.
22. Eve's garden.
27. A bee that collects no honey.
29. Room.
31. Get up.
33. Old (pidgin-English).
34. By means of.
35. Pray (Latin).
36. Suffix (belonging to—).
38. An Epoch.
39. A.U.S. (actual).
44. Denotes pity.
46. Anything lent.
47. A shelter.
49. A professor of an art.
50. Skinning.
52. Ascended.
54. To lay grass.
55. A watering place.
57. Continued pain.
59. A dam across a river.
60. Price (then reverse it).
62. A female fowl.
65. Exclamation of pleasure.

Competitors are reminded that the prize is to be awarded for the correct solution, or if nobody succeeds in getting the correct solution, for the NEAREST-correct solution. Therefore, even if you have not done the cross-word puzzle in full, send in what you have done—it may prove to be the nearest correct solution.

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of cargo and enable the Line to
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tire satisfaction as to discharge,
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portation, and every possible ad-
vantage in the way of terminal ac-
commodation. It is directly op-
posite Canal Street, the main
artery for New York's industrial
business. Local delivery can be
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destination as soon as they leave
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built under the river and under
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pier, giving direct access to the
heart of Manhattan without sur-
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cally every commodity handled on
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fied. There are ample spread room
and facilities for sampling and
weighing. Rubber importers, for
instance, will find this the most
convenient dock for that purpose,
since they can have their sam-
pling, weighing, etc., attended to
on the pier, and load immediately
on to cars for direct transshipment
to interior point by rail, or load on
to lighters or teams for local de-
livery around the harbour.

ASSAULT CASE.

"ACHILLES" FIREMAN
JAILED.

A charge of assaulting Mr. J. G.
Inness, 8th engineer of the British
s.s. "Achilles," whilst on the high
seas on Jan. 19, was preferred
against two Chinese firemen at the
Marine Court yesterday.
Defendants were Yim Tim and
Lui Kau, both natives of Wai-
chow (Kwangtung province).
His Worship the Marine Magis-
trate (Lt.-Com. G. F. Hole, R.N.)
discharged Yim Tim and sentenced
Lui Kau to a month's hard labour,
any money due to him to be ex-
pended to his maintenance in pri-
son and on his repatriation.

BRITISH SHIPPING.

London, Jan. 8.
Mr. Walter Runciman, M.P., in
an article in the "Compendium"
states that he regards shipping
prospects as brighter than a year
ago. He points out that shipments
delayed for nine months must be
made pretty soon including three
million tons of Australian grain,
which, combined with other forces,
possibly, will give trade a new
start.

SHIPS IN PORT.

This morning there were 84
ocean-going vessels in Hong Kong
harbour of which 40 fly the Bri-
tish flag.
Departures for the 24 hours end-
ed at 9 a.m. to-day were 12 and
arrivals 14.

On the last voyage here from
Sourabaya, the Dutch s.s. "Tijl-
karang" reported the death of a
deck passenger at sea.

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PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

Among the passengers who ar-
rived in Hong Kong on Feb. 6 by
the N. Y. K. "Haruna Maru" from
London via Singapore were:—
Dr. F. Burja, Mrs. M. L. Bunje, Mr.
C. Cowan, Mrs. A. M. Earle, Miss
C. R. Earle, Mr. C. Fieldstad, Miss
E. W. O'Hagan, Mrs. C. Richmond,
Miss C. Richmond, Master J. Rich-
mond, Miss N. F. Stone, Miss D. H.
Stone, Dr. E. L. de Souza, Miss E.
Tindall, Mr. F. Williamson, Mrs.
I. Ejerre, Miss K. J. Butler, Mr. and
Mrs. E. R. Babcock, Mr. P. Becker,
Mr. A. K. Ferguson, Mr. R. Grim-
shaw, Mr. and Mrs. J. Knott, Mar-
quis and Marchioness T. Komatsu,
Mr. E. J. Munro, Mr. S. Finn, Mr.
L. Moors, Dr. A. Ogata, Mrs. V.
Plesner, Mr. F. C. Rose, Mrs. C. L.
Roman, Mr. H. E. Renault, Mr. and
Mrs. J. Ray, Mr. J. G. Sinclair,
Baroness E. de Sigallas, Mr.
D. R. B. Williams.

Passengers arrived in Hong
Kong on Feb. 7 on the "President
McKinley" from Shanghai and
ports were:—Mr. and Mrs. G. S.
Archbutt, Mr. and Mrs. Chen
Ching-hock, Mr. S. L. Chen, Mr.
C. W. Cheung, Mr. J. Clausen, Mr.
D. H. Clutter, Mr. A. Coward, Mr.
and Mrs. T. A. Davis, Mr. and Mrs.
Will A. Dunn, the Misses A. Frun-
cis and Jane Dunn, Mr. and Mrs.
George D. Graham, Mr. Victor
Haimavitch, Miss Ruth Hsu, Mr.
K. Ishimoto, Mr. Raymond King,
Mr. H. G. Lam, Miss Lee Lou,
Vai-ping, Mr. S. Nakama, Mrs. N.
Nakama, Mr. Ng Lun-geon, Mr. and
Mrs. H. C. Dell, Mr. J. J. Paterson,
Schuchner, Mr. M. C. Shen, Mr.
So Min-sun, Miss Catherine Simp-
son, Mr. V. Singer, Mr. and Mrs.
C. G. Spencer, Miss Natalie Spender,
Mr. N. A. Thomas, Mr. K. Tokokoro,
Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Yim, Mr. Yoo
Chow-chun, Mr. C. S. Zung.

The following passengers arrived
in Hong Kong on Feb. 7 on the
"Tanda" from Melbourne, Sydney,
Sandakan, Manila, Brisbane, Towns-
ville and Thursday Island:
From Melbourne: Miss J.
Wardrop.

From Sydney: Mrs. E. Phizacker-
ley, Mrs. C. Darby and child, Mrs.
L. V. Hutton, Mr. J. C. B. Hutton,
From Sandakan: Mr. L. Gifford.
From Manila: Mr. A. Y. Foon.
From Brisbane: Mrs. A. V.
Phillips.

From Sydney: Mr. R. Moloney,
Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Fong, Mr. See
Loong, Mr. and Mrs. E. Cleary,
Miss E. Tim, Mr. Sue Quing-hing,
Mr. and Mrs. Wong Yon-kwong,
Mr. and Mrs. Wong Mong.

From Townsville: Mrs. Chun Tie.
From Thursday Island: Mr. Wah
Poo, Mr. Kes Pat-fong, Mr. Lai-
foo, Mr. G. Laifoo, Miss M. Laifoo.
From Sandakan: Mr. Chong
Thau-fah, Mr. Cheong Kim-san,
Mr. Oo Theng.

From Manila: Mr. H. R. Douglas,
Mr. and Mrs. H. Majul, Mr. N. E.
Rivera.

DEPARTURES.

Among the passengers who sail-
ed from Hong Kong on Feb. 7 by
the N. Y. K. "Haruna Maru" for
Shanghai, Japan and San Francisco
were:—Miss C. H. Pott, Mr. G.
Bonavita, Mr. A. C. Scott, Mr.
N. S. M. Gunnis, Mr. N. Guid, Dr.
and Mrs. J. G. Taylor, Miss H.
Taylor, Rev. and Mrs. W. L. King,
Mr. R. L. Masten, Rev. and Mrs.
H. I. Smith, Mr. J. J. Rafferty, Mr.
E. Fraser, Mr. A. E. Wiseman, Mr.
A. A. Spencer, Mr. A. Ruh, Mr.
H. S. Seipstein.

Among the passengers who sail-
ed from Hong Kong on Feb. 6 by
the N. Y. K. "Korea Maru" for
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N. S. M. Gunnis, Mr. N. Guid, Dr.
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A. A. Spencer, Mr. A. Ruh, Mr.
H. S. Seipstein.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B. I. s.s. "Tilawa" will leave
Amoy for this port tomorrow,
and is due here on Feb. 10, at
about 8 p.m.

The B. I. s.s. "Shirala" left
Singapore for this port on Feb. 5,
a.m. and is due here on Feb. 11,
at about 7 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Nagpore" is
due here on Feb. 11, at about noon.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Russia" (Capt. A. J. Hosken,
R.N.R.) will leave here for Vic-
toria, Vancouver, B.C., via Shang-
hai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama
at noon on Feb. 16.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Asia" is due here on Feb. 25.
The m.v. "Delhi" (Swedish East
Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Antwerp on
Jan. 25, and is due here on or about
March 2.

Seven seamen of the White Star
liner "Pittsburgh" were at Liver-
pool, presented with medals and cer-
tificates, awarded by the Italian
Government for rescuing the crew
of the Italian steamer "Monte
Grappa."

OUR MOTOR SHIPS.

LARGE INCREASE IN
TONNAGE.

How the tonnage of British
motor vessels increased to a con-
siderable degree during the year
1925 is shown in figures given in
the current issue of the "Board of
Trade Journal."

There were remaining on the
registers at ports of the United
Kingdom (including the Isle of
Man and Channel Islands) at the
end of 1925, 1,965 motor vessels
aggregating 498,731 net tons, an
increase since the end of 1924 of
7.79 per cent. in the number of
vessels and 29.59 per cent. in net
tonnage. The large increase in net
tonnage and the comparatively
small increase in the number of
vessels is accounted for by the re-
latively rapid development of
ocean-going vessels having prop-
elling machinery operated by ex-
plosion motors.

During the year 1925, it is fur-
ther stated, a total of 105 new
motor ships of 118,000 net tons
were added to the registers. Other
additions included thirty motor
vessels, totalling 3,800 net tons,
which were purchased from for-
eigners, and thirty-five motor boats
aggregating 990 net tons, which
were conversions from sailing or
steam vessels. The motor boats
deducted from the registers during
1925 included fourteen vessels of
487 tons lost through wrecks, fif-
teen vessels of 353 tons broken up,
and thirty vessels aggregating
5,000 tons which were sold to for-
eigners.

As regards manning, it is in-
teresting to compare the ocean-
going motorships with the steam
ships of the same net tonnage. In
1925 the most economical motor
ship from the point of view of the
average number of tons per per-
son employed was the vessel of
between 4,000 and 5,000 net tons,
which required one person per
80.23 net tons. This is partly ex-
plained by the large proportion of
oil tankers included in this class.

A steam ship of the same size
employed one person per 56.04 net
tons. The most economical steam
ship is the vessel of approximately
3,000 net tons.

SIERRA LEONE'S RECORD
YEAR.

"The year was in every way most
prosperous," states the annual
report on Sierra Leone for 1925.
The export of palm kernels, the
Colony's staple product, exceeded
the record figure set up in 1924; the
rice harvest was large, and the
stabilisation of the Colony's finances
enabled the Government to embark
on a scheme of important and ur-
gently-needed public works.

A further increase tonnage of
vessels entered and cleared during
the year. British shipping absorbed
almost the whole of this increase
and appropriated 72.82 per cent. of
the total tonnage of vessels enter-
ed. American vessels entered
showed a decrease of 1,031 tons.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

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"Knowsley Hall" are reminded
that goods remaining undelivered
after Feb. 14, will be subject to
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EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Mar. 6
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 27
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPERESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPERESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
EMPERESS OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 20	July 29

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CONNECTING SAILINGS TO LIVERPOOL.

	March	12	MINNEBOSA	May	13
MONTCAIM	April	2	MONTCAIM	June	3
MONTROSE	April	23	MONTROSE	June	24

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SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP.—Via Singapore, Colombo, Suez and Port Said.	Saturday, 5th March.
AMAZON MARU Saturday, 5th March.	
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES.—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.	Tuesday, 15th February.
MONTEVIDEO MARU Tuesday, 15th March.	
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.	Tuesday, 15th February.
INDO MARU Tuesday, 15th February.	
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.	Wednesday, 16th February.
INDO MARU Wednesday, 16th February.	
HEINAN MARU Wednesday, 23rd February.	
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.	Friday, 25th February.
TACOMA MARU Friday, 25th February.	
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.	Middle of March.
KOHO MARU Middle of March.	
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.	Thursday, 10th February.
ALABAMA MARU (From Shanghai)	Friday, 18th February.
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.	Friday, 18th February.
MENADO MARU Friday, 18th February.	
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.	Thursday, 16th February.
HAVER MARU (From Shanghai) Thursday, 16th February.	
JAPAN PORTS	Wednesday, 23rd February.
GANGES MARU Wednesday, 23rd February.	
KEELUNG VIA SWATOW & AMOY.	Sunday, 13th February, 10 a.m.
HOZAN MARU Sunday, 20th February, 10 a.m.	
KANO MARU Sunday, 20th February, 10 a.m.	
TAKAO VIA SWATOW & AMOY.	Thursday, 10th February, 8 a.m.
KOTSU MARU Thursday, 10th February, 8 a.m.	
TAKAO & KEELUNG.	Beginning of February.
NITTO MARU Beginning of February.	
DAIREN VIA CHEFOO & TSINGTAO.	Beginning of February.
KINZAN MARU Beginning of February.	
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S. S.	Tonnage	From Hongkong About	Destination
KIDDERPORE	5,334	12th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
DELTA	8,097	18th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KALYAN	9,144	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	6,852	2nd March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MANITIA	10,302	5th March	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,006	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NAGPORA	5,283	14th March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
NYANZA	7,023	16th March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MONGOLIA	10,504	19th March	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,114	9th April	Miles, L'pore, A'werp, R'dam & Hull
DEVANHA	8,155	16th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DELTA	8,097	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MALWA	10,340	30th April	Marseilles & London
NELLORE	6,853	11th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
KHYBER	9,115	14th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NYANZA	7,023	25th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MOREA	10,918	28th May	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	11th June	Marseilles & London
MANITIA	10,302	25th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KALYAN	9,143	30th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MACEDONIA	11,120	23rd July	Marseilles & London

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BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS.

TILAWA	10,000	12th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TALMA	10,000	16th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
SHIRALA	7,841	1st March	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
GAMBHIRA	5,267	8th March	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

TANDA	6,956	4th March	Manila, Sandakan, Iloilo, Thursday
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney
ARAFURA	6,000	29th April	& Melbourne
TANDA	6,956	3rd June	
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st July	
ARAFURA	6,000	29th July	

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The New Zealand Shipping Company's steamers for Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

TANDA	6,956	9th Feb.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NAGPORA	5,283	12th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
SHIRALA	7,841	12th Feb.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MONGOLIA	10,504	18th Feb.	Shanghai & Kobe
GAMBHIRA	5,267	18th Feb.	Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TAKIWA	10,000	18th Feb.	Kobe
MACEDONIA	11,120	4th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
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DEVANHA	8,155	18th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
LAHORE	5,267	27th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,980	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DELTA	8,097	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
PERIM	7,443	12th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	6,853	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHYBER	9,135	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	29th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MOREA	10,958	29th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe

All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.
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SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG.

S.S. "PELEUS"	Via Suez Canal	25th February.
S.S. "CITY OF BRISTOL"	do.	5th March.
S.S. "ATREUS"	do.	25th March.
S.S. "TEUCER"	do.	9th April.

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ITALIAN SHIPPING.

NEW FOREIGN AND COASTAL SERVICES.

Statistics just published by the Italian Government show the total Italian mercantile tonnage included on June 30 last as 3,150,000 gross tons, against 1,480,000 gross tons on June 30, 1914. The post-war progress made is the more important when it is considered that tonnage lying idle on November 1, 1926, included only 41 steamers, representing 21,492 gross tons, about 0.7 per cent. of the total gross tonnage, and 38 sailing vessels, representing 3,439 gross tons, 1.50 per cent. of the total sailing merchant tonnage included in the Italian mercantile marine.

Recent developments in the Italian shipping revival are that the Navigazione Generale Italiana has included in the schedule of their mail service from Genoa to Naples and South America the call at Messina, and that the Società Italiana di Servizi Marittimi has chartered another steamer to meet the growing requirements of their fortnightly freight service from Genoa to the Near East. Genoaese shipowners have also increased their activity in the coastwise trade and services have been inaugurated from Genoa to San Remo, and Nice, to Palermo, Trapani, Marsala, and Mazara, to Savona, Leghorn, Naples, Catania, Messina, and Palermo, and to Sirax and Sousse.

This latter service is to meet the requirements of the growing oil and date imports from Tunisia.

Foreign shipowners trading in Italy are also showing marked activity. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha has included Genoa in the schedule of their service from Liverpool to the Far East, while the United Steamship Company of Copenhagen has instituted a cargo service from Genoa to Naples, Catania, Messina, and Palermo.

Italian owners are also increasing their activity between foreign ports, especially in the fruit trade between South Africa and North America and Continental ports. The Navigazione Libera Triestina has also decided to organise a floating samples fair on their steamer "Sistina," which will visit all South African ports included in the schedule of their monthly regular passenger and freight service.

Recent Launchings.

From the Cantiere Navale San Rocco of the Stabilimento Tecnico Triestino has been launched the motorship "Assiria," built for the Lloyd Triestino for the Near Eastern services. The vessel has a cargo capacity of about 3,000 tons. It is understood that the company have decided to include in the "Assiria" and in her two sister-ships "Culden" and "Palestina" single-class de luxe passenger accommodation, but originally these vessels were destined to be only cargo boats. The propelling machinery of the "Assiria" will consist of a Burmeister and Wain type Diesel engines of 1,500 i.h.p., and the contract speed reaches 12 knots per hour at full load. The electricity for the operation of the deck and cabin auxiliaries as well as for lighting and heating is to be supplied from two B. & W. type Diesel engines coupled with electric generators of 65 i.h.p. each.

From the Cantiere Navale San Marco of the Stabilimento Tecnico Triestino has been launched the motorship "Rialto," the fourth vessel of the Cellina type set, to be employed in the regular monthly passenger service maintained between Adriatic ports, Central America, and California, via Panama Canal, by the Navigazione Libera Triestina. The "Rialto" has about 10,000 tons of carrying capacity, extensive cargo accommodation with appropriate refrigerated space, and single-class passenger accommodation. The propelling machinery consists of B. & W. type Diesel engines giving a speed of about 12 knots per hour. With the "Rialto" the Navigazione Libera Triestina will maintain on the California service four vessels of the same type.

From the yard of Riva Trigoso of the S.A. Cantieri Navali del Tirreno has been launched the steamer "Montello," built for the S.A. di Navigazione Alta Italia. About 8,000 tons d.w. and a speed of about 12 knots, the steamer is to be fitted out for the general cargo trade of her owners.

HONG KONG HOTEL.

February 7, 1927.

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"KING GEORGE V."

FURTHER TRIALS CARRIED OUT.

After the completion of the official trials of the new high-pressure turbine steamer "King George V," the vessel was placed on service early in September last, and it was stated that further trials were to be made to ascertain the efficiency of the machinery. Exhaustive consumption trials have now been carried out, and the vessel made a demonstration run on the Clyde at full power with a number of distinguished guests on board, consisting of representatives of shipowners and marine engine builders.

On the previous demonstration trial in September last reference was made by Mr. Maurice Denny to the difficulties that had been experienced in the matter of the ventilation of the engine-room. Since the vessel completed her summer season service the question has been taken in hand. The modifications made have given exceedingly satisfactory results, and the coolness of the engine-room was very much commented upon by the guests on board during the trial.

It is understood that details of the trials will form the subject of a paper to be read before the leading technical institutions in the early part of January, 1927.

The results anticipated both as regards steam consumption and efficiency of the boilers had been realised. The machinery throughout the trial ran with extreme smoothness and without the slightest hitch of any kind, and the guests on board expressed themselves as being highly impressed with this installation and its performance.

Sir Charles Parsons was unfortunately unable to be present, owing to a chill, and at the unanimous wish of the guests on board a telegram was sent to him congratulating him upon this new achievement, which represented another step in scientific marine engineering, with the development of which his name is so closely associated.

NAVAL WAR MEDALS

UNNECESSARY SPECIAL STAFF AT THE ADMIRALTY.

A special staff is still at work at the Admiralty distributing war medals and prize money, eight years after the end of the war, according to the report of the Select Committee on Estimates. Mr. C. J. Nash, Accountant-General to the Admiralty, stated in evidence before the committee that in June last about 160,000 medals remained to be distributed, and that a staff of thirty-one, reduced from forty-four, was employed on the work. He added that the work was regarded as "definitely temporary," and said the Admiralty hoped that in a very short time it would cease. He anticipated that the staff would be reduced to less than twenty about the end of this year.

The committee was informed that a temporary staff would have to be retained for some time, to compile a medal roll, as a permanent record of those who were entitled to medals. "That has always been done in regard to former wars," explained Mr. Nash, "and it is in accordance with precedent." The committee reports that "it would seem unnecessary" to keep any additional staff for the purpose of completing a medal roll, as there are records of the recipients of medals at the Admiralty. The Treasury taken the same view.

For many years Aberdeen stood next to Grimsby as the most important white fishing centre in Great Britain, but it has now to yield that honour to Hull. During last year Aberdeen has made no move to share the great Icelandic and other far northern fisheries, while Hull is rapidly forging ahead, and has now a magnificent fleet of large vessels prosecuting with apparent success, the fishing of those prolific banks.

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LINERS AS PLANE CARRIERS.

A scheme for shortening the journey from New York by means of aircraft which would take off from the decks of incoming liners as they reach Cherbourg and fly direct to Paris and London, is proposed by Admiral Degouty, the French naval writer.

Arrangements are being made for fast aeroplanes in a hurry to reach European capitals, but this means that passengers would still lose valuable hours in disembarking by tender as formerly.

Approval has been given by the U.S. Senate to the addition to the House Rivers and Harbours Bill of the \$1,000,000 programme for an intercoastal waterway between Beaufort and Cape Fear River, North Carolina.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before 21st February, 1927, or they will not be recognised. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period of One Week.

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Hong Kong, 7th Feb. 1927.

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GINYO MARU Saturday, 23rd Feb., at Noon.
ANYO MARU Tuesday, 3rd May, at Noon.

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HAKOZAKI MARU Saturday, 12th Feb., at 11 a.m.
HAKUSAN MARU Saturday, 26th Feb., at 11 a.m.
KITANO MARU Saturday, 12th March.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

MISHIMA MARU Wednesday, 23rd Feb., at 11 a.m.
TANGO MARU Wednesday, 23rd March.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

TATSUNO MARU Saturday, 12th February.
CALCUTTA MARU Monday, 21st February.

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.

TOYOHASHI MARU Wednesday, 9th March.

BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.

HAKATA MARU Wednesday, 23rd March.

BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.

AWA MARU Thursday, 10th February.
SEIYO MARU Monday, 21st February.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.

NAGATO MARU Wednesday, 9th February.
OSAKA MARU Friday, 18th February.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

TANGO MARU Friday, 10th February.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

GENOA MARU Friday, 18th February.
CEYLON MARU Monday, 21st February.

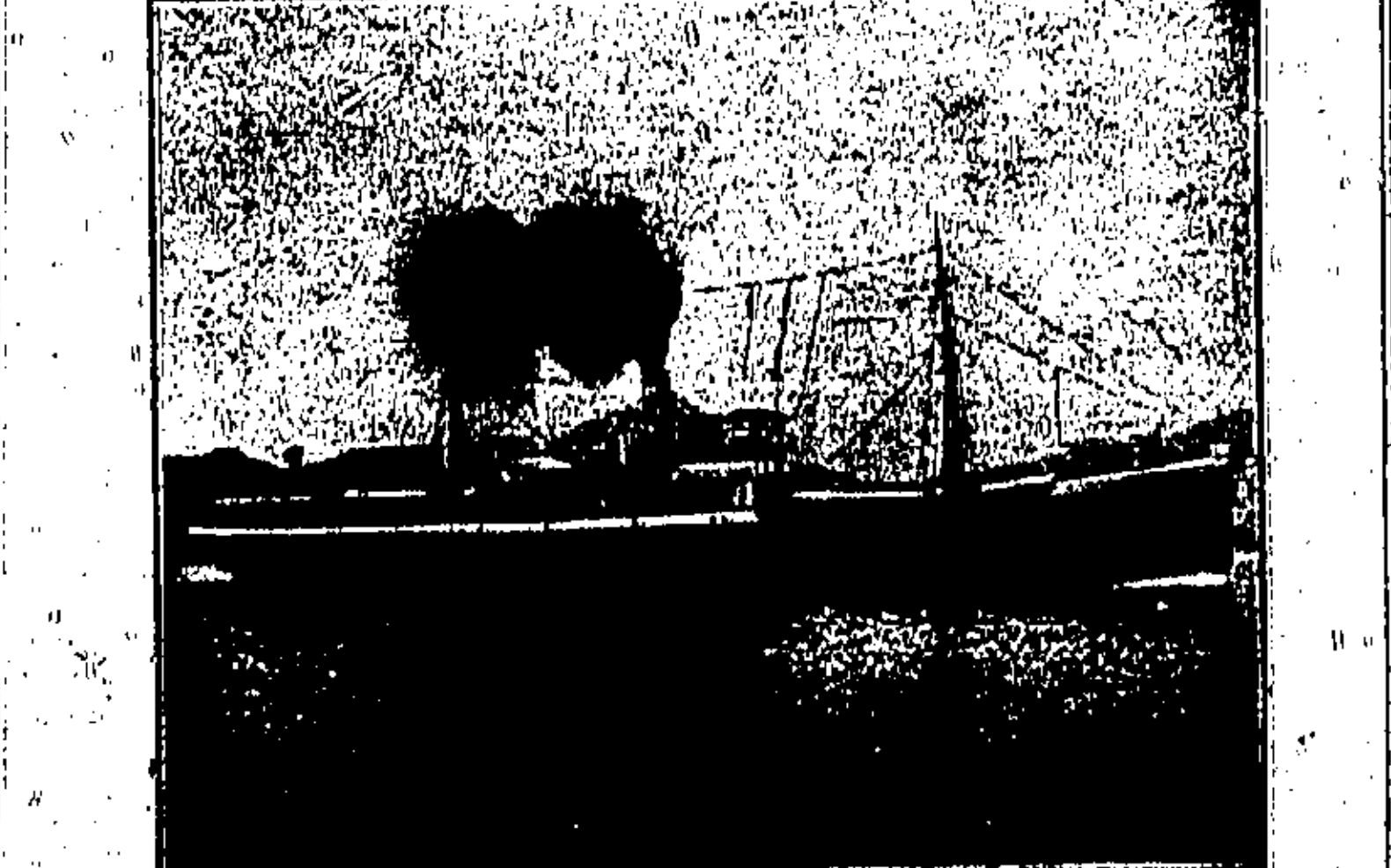
KAMO MARU Tuesday, 22nd February.

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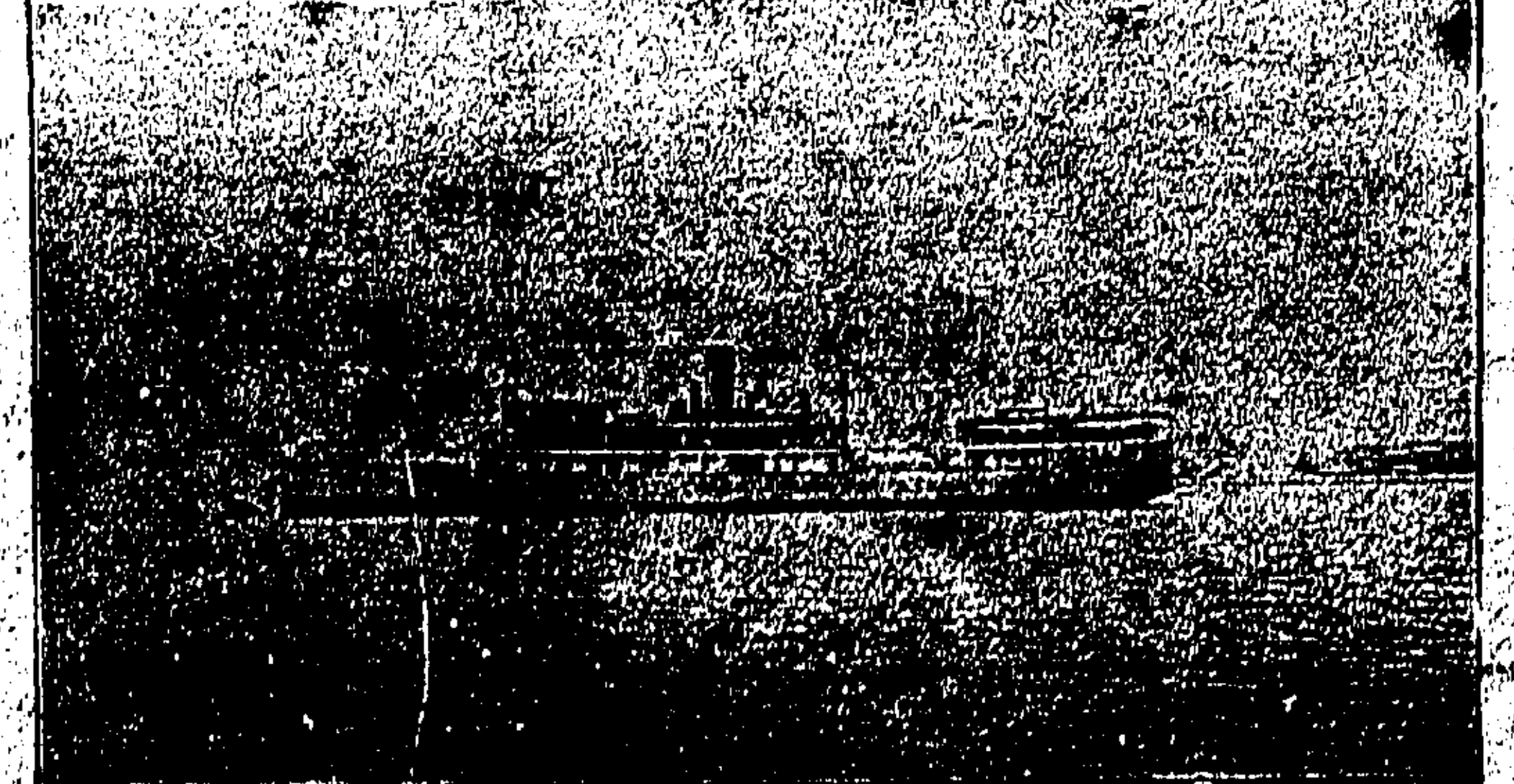
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Strand, W.C.2.**BIRTH.**MATTHEWS.—On January 31,
1927, at Shanghai, to Mr. and
Mrs. G. E. Matthews, Dairen,
a son.**DEATHS.**CAMPBELL.—On January 31, 1927,
at Shanghai, Alister St. Clair
Campbell (late Captain, Argyll
and Sutherland Highlanders),
son of the late Alexander and
Mrs. Campbell and husband of
Muriel Campbell.SPENCER.—On February 1, 1927,
at Shanghai, Frieda Carlos
Spencer, daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. W. H. Spencer, aged 18
months.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, Feb. 8, 1927.

MOSCOW PLEAS.

M. Litvinoff, Acting Foreign
Commissary for Soviet Russia,
has all the astuteness and adroitness
of the average Bolshevik
leader. He has issued a lengthy
statement combating the charges
of Soviet influence hindering
a peaceful settlement between
Great Britain and China. He de-
clares that the Soviet Govern-
ment has never forgotten its
obligations under the Russo-British
trade agreement of 1921, one
of the provisions of which are
that the Soviet shall not engage
in anti-British propaganda out-
side Russian borders. No one
has for a moment suggested that
the Soviet has "forgotten" that
vital stipulation. It has not been
permitted to forget it! It has
merely ignored it as if it were
non-existent. Not as a Govern-
ment has it engaged in a systema-
tic campaign against Great Bri-
tain in China. Oh, dear no! That
would be altogether too weak and
clumsy. That would amount to

Soviet policy in China ought in
itself to be a warning to the Na-
tionalist leaders to free them-
selves of the Bolshevik taint
before it is too late.

Parliament Again.

The ceremony that took place
at Westminster this morning was
not, in point of fact, the opening
of Parliament as many people are
led to believe, but rather the re-
opening of the two Houses after
the recess. The ceremony is an
interesting one. The King, ac-
companied by his Consort, pro-
ceeds in State to the House of
Lords, and Black Rod is sent to
summon the members of the
House of Commons to the bar of
the House of Lords. His Majesty
then reads his Speech from the
Throne, a speech which, in reality,
is drawn up by the members
of the Cabinet, and which com-
prises a review of the interna-
tional situation and a summary
of the legislation intended to be
introduced by the Government
during the Session. Those parts
of the King's Speech which re-
late exclusively to finance and
taxation are addressed to mem-
bers of the House of Commons
only. If the Sovereign is unable
to open Parliament in person, a
Royal Commission opens Parlia-
ment in the King's place and the
Lord Chancellor reads the King's
Speech. Parliament, also, of
course, is summoned by the
Sovereign, and its summoning or
otherwise was once an absolute
Royal Prerogative; but it is now
to a certain extent regulated by
Acts of Parliament and the
necessities of public business. By
the unreppealed sections of the
Triennial Act of 1894, it is pro-
vided that a Parliament shall be
held once in three years at the
least, so that after one Parlia-
ment has come to an end, it is
legally incumbent upon the
Sovereign to summon another
within three years. But, owing
to the fact that taxes are voted
annually, and that the Army Act,
which authorises the existence of
a standing army has to be passed
every year, it will be seen that
it is now a practical impossibility
for the government of the country
to go on for more than a year
without the assistance of Parlia-
ment.

CORRESPONDENCE.**THE DIOCESAN BOYS'
SCHOOL.**

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—With regard to the report
about the probability of the Dio-
cesan Boys' School being taken
over by the Military Authorities,
we beg to state that although no-
thing is definite yet, arrange-
ments have been considered to
carry on the School and Orphan-
age as usual, Boarders and Day
Boys, in adequate premises with
Playing Fields. Alternative Pre-
mises and Grounds in Kowloon
were inspected a week ago. This
statement is given to the Press to
assure Parents and Guardians in
Hong Kong, Kowloon, in the Out-
ports and in Formosa that the
welfare of the School has been
carefully considered and that they
have no need to fear that their
boys, who have just begun a new
year's work with new books, etc.,
will have their educational career
unduly interrupted. The New
Term is due to begin on Monday,
February 21.

Yours, etc.,

P. S. CASSIDY,
Hon. Correspondent & Secretary.
W. T. FEATHERSTONE,
Headmaster.
Hong Kong, Feb. 7, 1927.

**A MEANINGLESS SLOGAN
IN CHINA.**

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—Your editorial in this
evening's issue of your esteemed
journal should commend itself to
the majority of sober-minded
people. As you point out, such
slogans as "British Imperialism,"
however meaningless, are apt to
cause some mischief among those
who do not pause to think.
After all, what is really at the
bottom of all this talk about Im-
perialism, and what is Imperial-
ism? Great Britain is by no
means alone in her career of
Empire. She started earlier
upon the quest; but the example
she set found faithful followers,
and expansion seems to be the
law of the modern vigorous and
progressive State. Surely it is
very futile to decry Empire or to
protest that virtue is only to be
found in small communities?
Some years ago we were told
that Russian expansion could only
be regarded as Caesarism and of
being identified with the Im-
perialism of material rather than
moral force. If such be the case,
what is to be said of the Empire
making phase upon which Amer-
ica, the most democratic and
hitherto the least Imperial of
modern countries, has entered?

believe that even at this moment,
if they were to poll the whole of
the United States, it would be
found that a large, and possibly
an overwhelming majority would
be opposed to any concrete policy
of Imperial expansion. But cir-
cumstances have proved too
strong for the Americans. The
same impulse that carried them
early in the last century to the
Rockies and to the Pacific, now
that the continent is filled up, is
driving them further afield.
Political parties may denounce,
and the more thoughtful Amer-
icans may deplore the expansion,
but it is to be doubted whether
any President, either Democratic
or Republican, would go to Con-
gress with a message proposing
to revoke it.

If then, even in a nation where
there is so little of the instinct of
militarism or aggrandisement as
America, the country is found
heading straight towards an Im-
perial destiny, is not the conclu-
sion inevitable that she is merely
obeying the general law, and that
Providence, once pronounced, is
to be on the side of the big bat-
tallions, is now found to be on
the side of the big nations? In
Europe, the same lesson was
taught by Germany before the
Great War; by Italy, which had
barely achieved national con-
solidation before she started
forth upon external expansion;
and by France, the growth of
whose colonial Empire is only
second to that of our own. Japan
has been swept into the same
vortex and cannot resist the in-
evitable compulsion. If the doom
of small nations has not yet
sounded, at least the day of great
nations seems to have dawned.

And amid these modern Em-
pires, the British Empire stands
distinguished not merely by its
earlier start and its superior ex-
tent, but also by its unique com-
position. It is not a mere group-
ing of territorial acquisitions
achieved by the valour or good
fortune of the race. It is not a
cluster of subordinate units
grouped in deferential pose round
an Imperial centre, as the pro-
posed legislation in connection
with the changing of the King's
title so plainly shows. It is
neither a military Empire as that
of Rome, nor a Federal Empire as
that of Germany.

In Empire the British have
found not merely the key to glory
and wealth, but the call to duty
and means of service to man-
kind. Let us no more forever
Empire than we would adore our
own souls. Such being the man-
ner in which our Empire has
been won and is now being held,
in what spirit should it be ad-
ministered and guarded? The
answer to that question will give
us true Imperialism.

Imperialism as we Britons
understand it and practise it is
not militarism, and it was with
no Spartan spirit, but rather
with one great desire to defend
our Empire; the many smaller
nations that look to our Empire
and our fleet for their freedom
from aggression, and to carry out
our honourable obligations under
a solemn treaty that our brothers
from all the far-flung outposts of
our Empire poured forth their
blood on the field of battle, and
those who interpret British Im-
perialism as being synonymous
with militarism or the suppres-
sion of smaller nations are
completely deceiving themselves
and those to whom they would
preach.

Yours, etc.,

JONES.

Hong Kong, Feb. 7, 1927.

OBITUARY.**HONG KONG LADY RESIDENT'S
DEATH.**

The "China Mail" records with
regret the death, at the Victoria
Hospital yesterday, of Mrs. Ada
May Decker, wife of Mr. Harvey
Decker.

The deceased lady came to the
Colony from Mackay, Queensland,
and leaves a husband and four
children, in addition to twins
recently born; also a brother and
sister, Mrs. Wong, in the Colony,
and another sister in Australia.
The funeral will take place this
afternoon, passing the Monument
at 6 o'clock.

THE DUKE OF YORK.

London, Feb. 7.
The Duke and Duchess of York
are expected to reach Nukahiva
in Marquesas Islands this morn-
ing on their journey to New
Zealand and Australia.—British
Wireless Service.

For playing Pai Kau on the hill-
side, nineteen Chinese were fined
\$3 each by Major C. Willson at the
Central Magistracy this morning.
Another man arrested at the same
time failed to attend Court and
forfeited his bail of \$5.

FLOWER SHOW.**HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S
REPORT.****MORE MEMBERS WANTED.**

Below is given the 21st report of
the committee of the Hong Kong
Horticultural Society, to be pre-
sented at this evening's annual
meeting (i.e. for the year ended
Dec. 31, 1926):—

Committee Justified.

The annual show of flowers and
vegetables was held at the Hong
Kong Volunteer Defence Corps
headquarters on Thursday, March
11, 1926, and in spite of the very
trying times residents passed
through during the Strike of 1925,
which in many cases necessitated
the running of houses and gardens
without any servants or gardeners
for many months, the show was
undoubtedly a success and fully
justified the Committee's decision
to have a "Flower Show" as usual.

Although the total number of
entries was naturally considerably
smaller than for the previous year,
the number of exhibitors was only
3 less than for the Flower Show in
1925 and the general standard of
the exhibits was well up to average.

"Amateur" Cups.

A new feature of the Show was
a cup presented by Mr. J. A. Plum-
mer called the "Amateur" Cup for
the best exhibit of pot plants in any
of the Open or Peak classes by
members who had not exhibited be-
fore or had never won a prize at
any Flower Show in Hong Kong.
This was won by Mr. L. S. Greenhill
with 3 pots of phlox drummondii
from his garden on the Peak.

The number of entries received
for the Amateur Cup was disap-
pointing but in view of the dis-
turbed conditions which existed
prior to the Show, Mr. Plummer
has kindly promised to present an-
other Cup to be competed for under
the same conditions as last year
and it is possible that another mem-
ber of the Committee may offer an
"Amateur" Cup for Vegetables on
similar lines to that presented by
Mr. Plummer.

Features of Last Show.

From amongst the special ex-
hibits the usual wonderful display of
roses by Mr. Nicholson was mis-
sing and much sympathy will be felt
with that exhibitor for the misfor-
tunes, that overtook his plants,
necessitating the replacement of
practically all his rose trees with
new importations.

Mr. Ho Kom-tong again exhibited
a splendid show of vegetables,
grown from seed by Messrs. Sutton
& Son, also a brilliant display of
sweet peas, grown from seed sup-
plied by Messrs. Yates & Co., in
addition to which there was an ex-
cellent display of begonias ex-
hibited by the Hong Kong Botanical
Gardens, all of which were greatly
admired.

Mr. Ho Fook's Feet.

Since their last report, the com-
mittee have to record with the
deepest regret the deaths of the
Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Sir Paul
Chater and Mr. Ho Fook. Sir Paul
Chater and Mr. Ho Fook were both
life members of the Society and in
addition to being large contributors
to the funds, were amongst the most
successful exhibitors at Flower
Shows for many years past.

Mr. Ho Fook was present at the
last Flower Show and secured the
Challenge Cup for Plants in Pots
open to all for the fifth year in
succession, a striking testimony to
his skill as a gardener and his zeal
as a horticulturist.

Thanks to Helpers.

H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.
and Lady Clementi visited the Show
in the afternoon and evinced much
interest in the display.

The Band of the East Surrey Re-
giment played an excellent selec-
tion of music throughout the after-
noon and Lady Clementi very
kindly distributed the prizes at the
close of the exhibition.

The committee desires to express
its thanks to Lieut. Col. Bird and
officers for the use of the Volun-
teer headquarters and parade
ground for the Show, also to the
Capt. Supt. of Police, the Superin-
tendent of the Botanical Gardens,
Mr. L. Gibbs and to all those ladies
and gentlemen who rendered valu-
able assistance in various capacities
as well as to the judges and cen-
sors and to all who kindly con-
tributed towards the prize fund.

More Members Wanted.

The ordinary membership of the
Society now stands at 162, as
against 221 members for the year
1925 and 272 members for the year
1924 and the Committee appeal for
more generous support from all
those who are in any way interest-
ed in horticulture.

The subscription for an ordinary
member is only \$5 per annum which
entitles a member to two free
tickets of admission to the annual
Flower Shows and the Committee
feel that that the past efforts and
successes of the Society warrant a
larger list of members than 162
from the foreign and Chinese com-
munities of the Colony interested in
horticulture.

The Accounts.

The following items are taken
from the accounts:—
Balance of previous year
\$1,301.98—balance this year
\$1,502.04.
Subscriptions in 1926—\$1,115.
00.
Last Flower Show—receipts,
\$305.60; prize fund donations
\$955.00; expenses \$1,051.03; prize
fund expenditure \$1,005.89.

TROOPS ARRIVE.

Durhams & Gloucesters
From India.

1,200 HORSES COMING.

The first of the troops detached from the Durhams and Gloucesters arrived in Hong Kong, having embarked in India. They are the 2nd Battalion, the Durham Light Infantry (arriving yesterday afternoon on the s.s. "Takliwa"), and the 2nd Battalion, the Gloucestershire Regiment (arriving on the s.s. "Yasna"). There is a total military strength on the "Takliwa" of over a thousand.

The China Command with headquarters in Hong Kong is facing considerable difficulty in finding accommodation for the troops expected here, some of the emergency measures contemplated being detailed in our yesterday's issue. In addition to men, there are some 1,200 horses.

Still to Come.

The s.s. "Sardham" bringing the 2nd Battalion, Punjab, is expected here on Friday.

The s.s. "Meganite" with the Divisional Staff and Major-General John Duncan is expected at the end of the month. This ship is also bringing from India the 1st Battalion, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regts., and the 1st Battalion, Dorset Regt. The s.s. "Mina" with 1,000 Marines is due at the same time.

The s.s. "Kildare Castle" with the 1st Battalion, Devonshire Regiment is due on March 2nd, and the s.s. "Assure" with the 1st Battalion, Gloucestershire and the s.s. "Horminac" are also due early in March.

1st Cruiser Squadron.

Accompanied by H.M. ships "Porpoise," "Despatch," "Caradoc" and "Ambrose," the 1st Cruiser Squadron, consisting of H.M. ships "Probis," "Beetle," "Dauntless," and "Diana" arrived in Hong Kong harbour this morning, their weather beaten appearance contrasting with the trim and neat aspect of the China Command cruisers.

CHINESE ART.

RARE EXHIBITION IN CITY HALL.

MAGNIFICENT COLLECTION.

Lovers of genuine Chinese art will find a rare treat at the City Hall in the exhibition of rare old Chinese paintings and calligraphy which opened there this morning. The walls of both the large halls are hung with some of the most priceless specimens to be found in the Colony, and one and all are indebted to the owners of the treasures for so generously affording the public an opportunity for inspecting these fine works of art.

Perhaps the most important exhibits are a collection lent by the ex-Civil Governor of Kwangtung, Mr. Li Yiu-hon.

This collection includes a magnificent 16th century Ming scroll by the famous artist, Shum Sak-tin, the value of which, the "China Mail" understands is impossible to estimate.

A specimen of the work of Wong Sak-kok will attract many, there being so few genuine specimens in existence at the present time.

Mr. Li's collection also includes a set of eight framed fans, each in itself a piece of the most delicate colouring.

Mr. K. H. Li, of the Hong Kong Education Department, is the proud owner of a magnificent Ching Dynasty landscape of the Poon Kiu Mountains. The details in the pagodas in the foreground of this picture are very fine indeed.

Painted By Finger-nails. A number of scrolls painted by the artist's finger-nails call for special comment, especially a set of bamboo studies.

One, by Ko Kei-pui, of bamboos and rocks, and another, by Tsui Wai, of bamboos and orchids are rare specimens of this fascinating type of Chinese pictures.

Dr. Wan Man-kai also exhibits a very fine selection.

RAILWAY STATION COMEDY.

Paris, Jan. 13.

An amusing illustration of the adage that everybody's business has been provided at Baginolle railway station, where for three months a plumber was to be seen toiling all day long without interference, until yesterday a porter noticed that the plumber's bag was unduly heavy. His suspicions were aroused, and the bag was examined and found to contain 50lb. of lead. It then came out that the plumber, who had no authorisation to do so, had stripped the whole of the lead from the roof, and had already sold a ton and a half for £35. The roof will have to be reloaded at a cost of £300.

BANK NOTE CASE.

Judges' Difference of Opinion.

PRIVY COUNCIL APPEAL?

Two conflicting judgments were given yesterday by the Chief Justice, Sir H. C. Gollan, and the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, on the appeal of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation against the decision of the Court below (by Mr. Justice Wood) that the Bank was liable to pay out on a note that had been "washed and ironed" in the garment of the plaintiff and which was all in pieces, with numbers and date missing, when presented at the Bank.

The Chief Justice said that, applying the provisions of Ordinance, 1912, to the case in point, where there was a difference between the two judges, the appeal of the Bank stood to be dismissed.

Mr. Eldon Potter, for the Bank, asked His Lordship to make a stay for a fortnight, pending the Bank's decision whether they would appeal to the Privy Council.

In giving his view when the Court opened, the Chief Justice indicated that he was of opinion that judgment on the appeal should be against the plaintiff (the owner of the mutilated note).

Dealing with the question as to whether the note had been "materially altered" by the absence from it of the numbers and date, His Lordship emphasised differences between this particular case and that of *Suffell v. Bank of England* on which cases of this nature usually turned.

"Material Alteration."

On the facts of the present case, however, His Lordship held that on the authority of the *Suffell* case there had been an alteration in the business effect of the note in question and that this constituted a material alteration.

On the other hand, His Lordship agreed with Mr. Justice Wood that the note sued on had not been altered to become a different note and was "not material" as part of the currency of the Colony in a new guise.

With regard to the Bank's contention that if they could not identify a note they could not obtain the sum deposited with the Government in connection with the issue of the note, His Lordship held that in view of the fact that it was admitted for the purposes of the case that the original note was genuine it should not be impossible to obtain this sum from the Government. The same applied to the yearly tax for notes in issue.

With regard to the question of indemnity, His Lordship said that he could not see how it could be said that the Bank might again be made liable for such scraps and bits as were missing from the note as presented.

Mr. Justice Wood Differs.

Mr. Justice Wood, in giving his judgment, dealt with the interpretation of the word "alteration."

My judgment was right, said Mr. Justice Wood, if into the meaning of the word "alteration" is imported the substitution of one legal effect for another legal effect, or also on the extended application of the principle as exemplified in *Suffell v. The Bank of England* (1882, 9 Q.B.D. page 555) one business effect for another business effect. In either case a new effect for an old effect. In other words, it is right if the word "alteration" connotes something more than what is merely mechanical, and is concerned also with the operative consequences of a mechanical process. Otherwise the judgment cannot be supported.

The idea of substitution in a material alteration, which I have noticed and on which I rely, is to be derived not from the word "material" but from the word "alteration." It is in connection with the latter word that an ambiguity in section 64 of Bills of Exchange Ordinance, 1885, arises.

His Lordship then quoted various Acts and Laws bearing on the subject of "material alteration," and also referred to various actions and judgments given in them, with regard to the material alteration of the business effect of an instrument.

No Alteration.

Concluding, His Lordship said: If it is the right view of the law that a change of effect is a requisite in an alteration, I still think that no alteration has occurred to the bank note in this case, and it is here that I distinguish the present case from the case of *Suffell v. The Bank of England*.

The halving of bank notes, a practice recommended as "expedient" in a text book of the

MANHATTAN.

TO-DAY'S FEATURE AT THE "STAR."

BIG FIGHT FEATURE.

"Manhattan," an adaptation by Paul Sloane and Frank Tuttle of Jeffery Farnell's novel "The Definite Object," opens to-night at the Star Theatre.

This is a live romance with plenty of adventure in it—including a realistic big fight specially staged for this film.

Gregory Kelly, the star of the film, started his stage career when as a child he appeared with Joseph Jefferson in "Rip Van Winkle."

"Manhattan," Richard Dix's first starring picture for Paramount, directed by R. H. Burnside, marks the beginning of Mr. Kelly's screen career.

In between these two starting points, Mr. Kelly has crowded an enviable record of successes on the stage, chiefly in comedy roles.

For three years he played with Mrs. Fiske, appearing in such pieces as "Pillars of Society," "The Green Cockatoo," and "Bogey Sharp."

Among the more recent plays were "Kismet" with Otis Skinner, "Dulcy," the Marc Connelly-George S. Kaufman satire, and the three famous Tarkington plays, "Seventeen," "Tweedles" and "Clarence."

For another three years he played in "Seventeen," one year in New York and two years out of town and also had a leading part in "Little Jesse James."

His role in "Manhattan" is that of "Spiky," a young lawbreaker of New York's "Hell's Kitchen."

On Thursday, there will be a change of programme at the "Star," "The Big Parade," featuring John Gilbert, the star of "The Big Parade," will be shown.

BAD NOTES.

POSSIBLE CASE FOR THE SESSIONS.

Charged with possessing of ten counterfeit \$1 notes and uttering another a Chinese named Wong Wai pleaded "guilty" when arraigned before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning. Accused, however, denied "guilty knowledge," informing his Worship that he changed the money yesterday morning in Canton before departing for the Colony to make some business purchases.

Div. Insp. Peter Grant asked for a remand in custody for two days, as the Police were considering an application for committal to the Sessions.

THE "HANOI" PIRACY.

CHARGE AGAINST CHINESE AGAIN ADJOURNED.

The case in which a Chinese stands charged with being implicated in the piracy of the "Hanoi" was again adjourned when called before Major Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning.

A \$750 ARMS FINE.

When a Chinese was charged before Mr. T. W. Ainsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon with possessing seven revolvers and five hundred rounds of ammunition, it was stated that the Police were satisfied that the arms, which had been found on the "President Taft," were being taken up country for self-protection.

Mr. J. T. Prior, defending, asked for the imposition of a fine.

His Worship, after hearing evidence of arrest, entered a conviction and imposed a fine \$750.

year 1840, "Bills of Exchange," is not an exception to the rule in *Pigot's case*. It illustrates the fact that, so long as a document does not purport to be anything but what it was in its original state, it remains in law unaltered and valid.

The Lords' decision in *Davidson v. Cooper* (supra) by which the holder of an instrument is declared responsible for preserving it in its original state appears less harsh when his duty is seen to be to preserve it from alteration and not from every kind of damage.

The "purity" of a document is not relative to its contents but to its purpose and effects. In this case the number of the note has not been altered, because the note does not now purport to speak with a new number. The date also has not been altered, because the erasure of the date has not caused it to speak from a new date.

For these reasons it seems to me that the bank note in question is still valid, and that this appeal must be dismissed with costs.

PEAK LADY ROBBED.

WAYLAIED BY A CHINESE BAG-SNATCHER.

Mrs. Y. Cardelble, a resident of the Peak Hotel, has reported to the Police that whilst walking along Lugard Road at 4 p.m. yesterday, she was waylaid by a Chinese who attempted to snatch her hand-bag. The lady resisted and fell to the ground, the man making off with the bag, which contained money and jewellery worth \$17.50 and a French passport.

PRAYER BOOK.

PROTESTANT BISHOPS IN CONFERENCE.

PROCESSION OF PROTEST.

London, Jan. 12.

A procession of 160 clergy and laity, organised jointly by the Protestant Alliance and the League of Loyal Churchmen, marched to Lambeth Palace simultaneously with the opening of the momentous ten-day private conference of Bishops of the Church of England under the presidency of the Archbishop of Canterbury on the revision of the Prayer Book. It was headed by a banner stating:—

"Warning to Bishops.—The Church is in danger. God says, 'Remove not the ancient landmark which thy fathers set up.' Respect the Prayer Book which was given us by our martyred reformers."

On arrival they knocked on the ancient gates, entered and were received by the Archbishop's chaplain, to whom they handed a petition condemning Roman practices and also the fact that the conference is being held in private, adding: "Secrecy is abhorrent to the English nature." The petition referred to the proposals as a base betrayal on the part of those who should be the guardians of the Divine truth. "We are asked to accept your Lordships' proposals. This we will never do."

The gravest contention is over the altered communion rights. The Bishops are endeavouring to find a compromise between Anglo-Catholic and Evangelical opinion. When the Bishops agree, the precise changes will be presented to the convocations, after which the final draft will be considered by the Church Assembly in July. Ultimately the House of Commons must approve.

TWIN THREE TIMES.

London, Jan. 5.

Frau Moss, the wife of a gravedigger at Cologne, has given birth to twins for the third time. This brings the total of the Moss children to 24, the family being the largest in Germany.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

Paris, Jan. 13.

The police are investigating the mysterious discovery of the body of a Londoner, Frank Parker, who was found with wounds in the head, in a trench dug in connection with building operations in the Boulevard Hauffmann.

The driver of the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall's car has reported to the Police that whilst driving the car along Kwoi Huang Street yesterday he accidentally knocked over a Chinese boy. An offer to take the youth to the hospital was, however, refused.

WEDDING.

BURLINGTON—BENT.

A pretty wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral on Feb. 3, the parties being Mr. Frank Burlington, School master, Public School for Chinese, Shanghai Municipal Council, and Miss Kathleen Agnes Bent, (daughter of Mr. James Bent, of Swindon), who arrived in Hong Kong by the s.s. "Patroclus."

The Rev. H. Copley Moye officiated. The bride, who was given away by Mr. F. W. Shaftain, was attended by Miss J. Wynne as bridesmaid. Mr. W. R. Andrews was best man.

A reception at the Hong Kong Hotel followed the ceremony and Mr. and Mrs. Burlington, who spent their honeymoon at Repulse Bay, left for Shanghai yesterday on the s.s. "Haruna Maru."

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

February 8—Queen's Theatre: "Mike."

February 8—World Theatre: "Go West."

February 8—Star Theatre: "Manhattan."

February 12—Special dinner dance at Repulse Bay Hotel.

February 12—Fancy dress dance at the Peak Club, 9.30 p.m.

Sport.

February 12—Steeplechase Meeting of Fanling Hunt, Kwantai Race Course.

Meetings.

February 8—Annual meeting of Hong Kong Horticultural Society, Messrs. Jardine Matheson's, 5.15 p.m.

February 8—Annual meeting of St. Andrew's Church, 6 p.m.

February 10—Adjourned meeting of Kowloon Football Club, Clubhouse, Chatham Rd., Kowloon, 6 p.m.

February 15—General meetings of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., and China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Union Building, Pedder St., noon, 12.15 p.m. and 12.30 p.m. respectively.

February 24—Fortieth meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's board room, noon.

Auctions.

February 11—Auction of household furniture at Messrs. Lammer Bros., sales room, 2.30 p.m.

February 12—Sale of Tonkin embroideries by Messrs. Lammer Bros., at No. 47 Godown (Kowloon Godown) opposite No. 5 pier, 11 a.m.

February 14—Auction of Furniture at No. 2 Waverley Terrace (Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.) Hungnam, 2.45 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

February 8—Exhibition of twenty-three pearls at Messrs. Komor & Komor's.

February 8-9—Exhibition of Old Chinese painting and calligraphy at City Hall, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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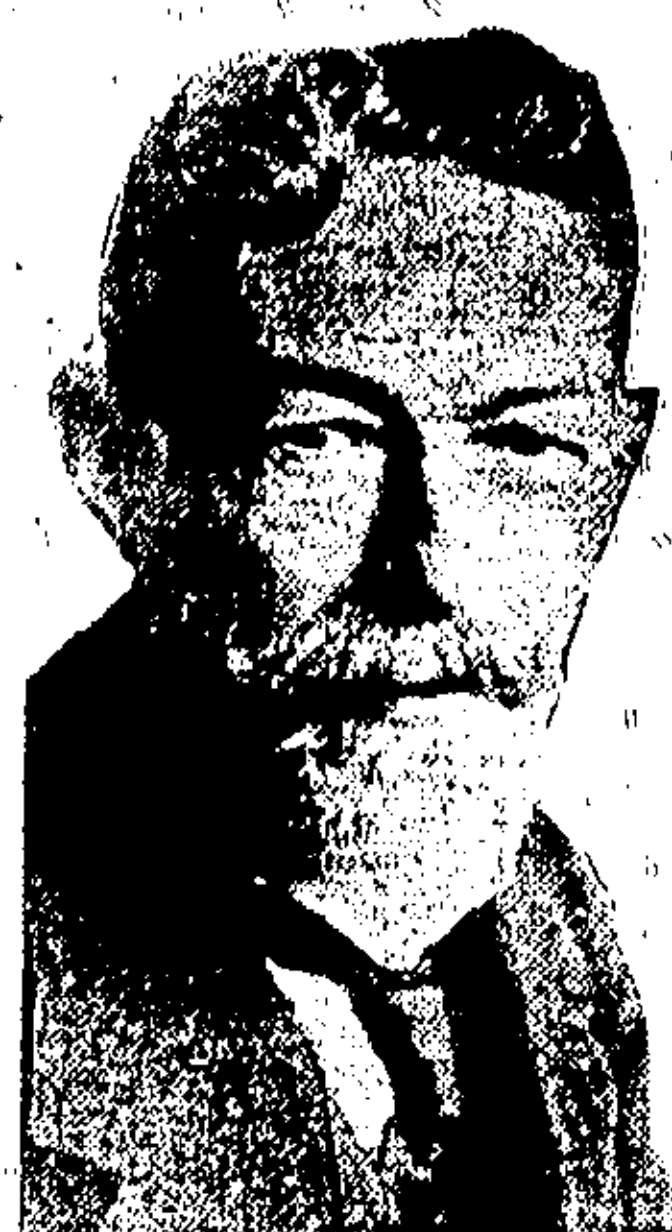
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Soviet Russia has recently placed in foreign yards a number of orders for submarines, including several of large dimensions.

Usually mild weather for this time of the year prevails throughout Italy except in the extreme north, where the first snow has fallen.

Mrs. John Thorburn, who has died at Ottawa in her 92nd year, kept the same cook for 80 years, the same maid for 48 years, and both survive her.



Professor Zeigmond, of Jena, famous German chemist, who has been awarded the Nobel prize in chemistry, the work which won him the award, being largely in the field of enlargement of the capacity of the microscope.

The city of Antwerp has been awarded 1,000,000 francs, with interest from October 1, 1916, by the German-Soviet mixed tribunal, being the sum forcibly collected by the Germans during the war for damage done to German property in the city.

Miss Mary Hay, formerly of the Ziegfeld Follies, was granted a divorce in the French courts from her husband, Mr. Richard Barthelmess, the film actor, best known for his acting in "Broken Blossoms," the adaptation of Mr. Thomas Burke's short story.

Manila telephone girls now help the public by informing them of the arrival of ships in port.

Signs erected in Parliament Square, London, instructing pedestrians to cross at right angles in order to prevent jay walking, remain unheeded, especially during the rush hours.

A selection of Tonkin embroideries will be sold at public auction by Messrs. Lamert Bros. at the mezzanine floor of No. 47 godown (Kowloon Godowns) on Saturday, beginning at 11 a.m.

Charles King, a seaman, was fined \$5 by Mr. T. W. Ainsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning for being drunk and incapable and for assaulting Sgt. Naughton, when taken to the charge room.

By kind permission of the Commanding Officer, the dance band of H.M.S. "Caradoc" will play under the direction of the band President, Mr. D. R. Reiss-Smith, at Repulse Bay Hotel this Saturday at 8.30 p.m.

The British Legation at Kabul has been completely burned down. The foreign diplomatic corps and the Afghan Government rendered all possible assistance and there were no casualties. The Legation staff are removing to the new Legation building which is under construction.

Sydney City Railway has opened the first underground section, from the Central Railway Station, the terminus of the suburban and country train service, to Saint James' Station in King Street, near the centre of the city. The service is smooth, and many thousands made the journey out of curiosity. One suburban line is already electrified and others are being prepared for this.

To-morrow at 4.30 p.m. at Government House, H.E. the Governor, Chief Scout of Hong Kong, will inspect the Scout Troops and present the Prince of Wales Banner won in 1926 by the 20th Hong Kong Troop for general efficiency in Scoutcraft and the year's work. The holders of the Banner, during their year of tenure, are entitled to be called "The Governor's Troop."

The heaviest day's traffic in the history of the underground Company was on Dec. 18, when 5,647,732 passengers were carried.

The extent to which Englishmen are wearing German hats is disclosed by figures showing that 1,708,000 were exported to England last year.

A sailor on board a Japanese gunboat at Hankow a few days ago while doing some painting work on the vessel fell into the water and was drowned.



Herr Esser, elected Vice-President of the German Reichstag, succeeding Dr. Bell, Minister of Justice of the Reich.

Minted at Dover during the reign of Ethelred the Second, Canute, and Edward the Confessor, between 979 and 1066 when Dover had a Royal mint, six silver pennies have been acquired by Dover Corporation for the local museum.

Mr. Hubert Stern, the Singapore Frenchman who was charged at Rangoon with the attempted murder of Miss Aileen Wells, another Singaporean, has been found insane and committed to the Mental Institute.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. G. S. Archbutt of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., accompanied by Mrs. Archbutt, returned to the Colony yesterday on the "President McKinley."

Mr. N. A. Thomas, a representative of the Texas Oil Co., Mr. R. G. Lamm (a Kobe business man) and Mr. Victor Haimavitch arrived in Hong Kong yesterday on the "President McKinley" from the North.

Round-the-world tourists in Mr. and Mrs. Will A. Dunn of Los Angeles, with their three daughters, arrived for a stay in Hong Kong on the "President McKinley" which also brought Mr. and Mrs. C. G. and Miss N. Spencer.

According to a Home paper, Mr. W. J. Mayson, Secretary, Singapore Club, accompanied by Mrs. Mayson, has been touring the British Isles from one end to the other. He is returning to Singapore shortly.

Through passengers for Japan and Shanghai on the "Haruna Maru" which sailed from Hong Kong yesterday included the Marquis and Marchioness T. Komatsu with their family and party, Li A. K. Ferguson and Baroness E. de Sigala.

Mr. R. Grimshaw, the well known Shanghai sportsman, passed through Hong Kong on the "Haruna Maru" on his way back from Hong Kong yesterday together with the Shanghai Interport football team (including Mr. A. H. Leslie, the manager) yesterday.

Sir Andrew Duncan has accepted the chairmanship of the Central Electricity Board under the new Electricity Supply Act. The appointment may involve considerable difficulty in reconciling the interests of municipal undertakings. The salary is not disclosed but is stated to be below \$10,000 per annum, which salary has been frequently mentioned in connection with the post.

Manila residents returning home on the "President McKinley" (which arrived in Hong Kong last night) include Madame Polat de Coster and her three sons, Mr. J. J. Damon, Mr. C. A. Greenidge (of the Manila Electric Co.) and his family, and Mr. N. M. E. Schumann of the Shell Oil Co. Other through passengers include Mr. C. B. Garrett (Lobanogan Lumber Co.) and family, Miss A. Mason, Miss Merritt and Miss B. Scherlich (missionaries), Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Page (travelling round the world), Mrs. Mary T. Russell (a teacher) and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McDuffie (Shell Oil Co.) who will be going on to Singapore.

Mr. J. J. Paterson arrived in Hong Kong last night by the "President McKinley" from Shanghai.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O'Dell returned to the Colony last night by the "President McKinley" from the North.

Dr. F. Banje and Dr. E. L. de Souza arrived in Hong Kong on the N.Y.K. "Haruna Maru" from London via Singapore.



A recent portrait of the new Emperor of Japan.

Passengers from Hong Kong to Shanghai and Japan on the N.Y.K. s.s. "Haruna Maru" (left yesterday) included Mr. A. M. d'Eca, Miss V. de Luz, Mrs. C. Gutierrez and Miss M. Knudsen.

Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Taylor, the Rev. and Mrs. W. L. King, the Rev. and Mrs. H. I. Smith were among the passengers on the N.Y.K. s.s. "Korea Maru" which sailed for San Francisco via Shanghai and Japan.

A late bus will be running to the Hong Kong Hotel at 12.30 a.m. on Saturday night after the special dinner dance at the Repulse Bay Hotel. Dinner is at \$4 per head, fancy or evening dress optional. Tables may now be booked as usual.

Lansdowne charities will benefit by about \$40,000 under the will of the late Miss Alice Ann Pilkington, of Lansdowne House, Arlington, who is understood to have left the allocation of the money at the sole discretion of her executor.

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SPORTS SECTION

M.C.C. IN CEYLON.

FIRST MATCH ENDS IN A DRAW.

TOURISTS' GOOD SCORE.

Calcutta, Jan. 30.
The M.C.C.'s first match at Colombo was against the Europeans, and the result was a draw.
Batting first, the home eleven were out for 164, of which Neale made 96. Astill took five wickets for 62 and Tate three for 32.
The tourists made 419, of which Sandham compiled 51, Wyatt 76, Parsons 67 and Astill 96.
The Europeans had made 194 for four wickets when stumps were drawn. Blair made 95 not out.

HOME RUGGER.

LATEST RESULTS AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

London, Jan. 22.
The following are the results of Rugby matches played to-day:
Bath 9, Devonport Services 0.
Blackheath 3, United Services (Plymouth) 0.
Bristol 0, Royal Air Force 3.
Leicester 21, Penryn Park 4.
Mountain Ash 0, Cross Keys 13.
Penarth 0, Pontypool 11.
Swansea 11, Llanelly 17.
North 5, Cardiff 5.

THE SCOTTISH "CAPS."

London, Jan. 22.
The Scottish rugby team to meet Wales on February 5 will be as follows:
D. Drysdale (Hibernians); Ian Smith (Edinburgh University); G. Macpherson (Edinburgh Acad.); J. Dykes (Glasgow Acad.); W. Simmers (Glasgow Acad.); H. Waddell (Glasgow Acad.); J. Nelson (Glasgow Acad.); J. Bannerman (Glasgow High School); J. Ireland (Glasgow High School); D. Davies (Hawick); J. Graham (Kelso); J. Scott (Stewarts); A. Gillies (Watsonians); and D. Kerr (Hibernians).
The team is identical to the one which beat France, with the exception that D. Kerr (Hibernians) returns to the pack in place of Allan.
[Scotland won by 5 points to nil, as cabled by Reuter.]

LADIES' TENNIS.

BRITISH TOUR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Cape Town, Jan. 22.
The British ladies' touring lawn tennis team beat the Western Province by 5 matches to nil.
Miss Joan Fry beat Mrs. Pitt, 6-2, 6-3.
Mrs. McIlquham beat Miss de Smidt, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4.
Miss Joan Fry and Miss M. Watson beat Mrs. Greenhalgh and Mrs. Gregg, 6-3, 6-1.
Miss Harvey and Mrs. McIlquham beat Mrs. Pitt and Miss Douglas, 6-0, 6-3.
Miss M. E. Dix and Miss P. Saunders beat Miss Fraser and Miss de Smidt, 8-6, 6-4.

OLYMPIC GAMES.

AMSTERDAM'S IMPOSING STADIUM.

Amsterdam, Jan. 13.
Covering 40 acres, served by special tramlines and equipped with an eight-acre car park accommodating 4,000 automobiles, the new Olympic Stadium at Amsterdam will be the most complete in the world. The main stadium will be built of concrete and brick, and will accommodate 40,000 people, one half of whom will be seated. The dimensions are 285 yards by 185 yards, and the place will contain a football ground and running track, with 600 seats reserved for journalists, and also telephone rooms, 45 telephone cabins, and Royal official boxes in the centre of the ground. In addition there will be a swimming stadium facing the pavilion, a cricket ground, 13 tennis courts, an art gallery and gardens. The buildings will be surrounded by a Marathon tower 150 feet in height, from which will issue a permanent smoke column during the progress of the games.

FANLING GOLF.

The bogey pool of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club at Fanling last week-end resulted:
I. W. Shewan and T. S. Whyte-Smith tie with scores of 2 up each.
Next best scores were those of F. A. Redmond 1 up, R. E. Cruden 1 down, J. S. McLaren 1 down, W. Ironside 1 down, N. L. Smith 2 down, W. L. Alexander 2 down.
There were 74 entries.

HOME SOCCER.

F.A. CUP, 4TH ROUND REPLAY.

ALL READY FOR NEXT.

London, Feb. 7.
Replaying for the second time in the 4th round proper of the Football Association Cup (having twice drawn), Hull beat Everton to-day by 3 goals to 2 at Birmingham.
The 4th round is now completed. The draw for the 5th round on Feb. 19 stands at:
Wolverhampton v. Hull.
Chelsea v. Burnley.
Arsenal v. Liverpool.
Bolton v. Cardiff.
Southampton v. Newcastle.
Millwall v. Middlesbrough.
Reading v. Brentford.
South Shields v. Swansea.
[Note: Bolton are holders.]

IN THE LEAGUE.

London, Feb. 7.
In division I of the English Football League to-day, Sheffield United lost to Liverpool by 1 goal to 4 (at Sheffield).—Reuter.

CHAMPION BOXER.



A recent snapshot of Mickey Walker, the welterweight boxing champion of the world.

THRILLING FINISH.

M.C.C. TESTS IN SOUTH AMERICA.

THE UNOFFICIAL RUBBER.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 23.
The M.C.C. tourists in Argentina won the unofficial Test rubber after a thrilling finish.
The M.C.C. declared their first innings closed at 384 for 9 wickets. Stanyforth scored 91, Miles 48, and Jackson 73.
A remarkable collapse ensued when Argentina, who had scored 277 in their first innings, went in. Allen took two wickets in the first over. Four wickets were down for 40 runs.

Superb Bowling.

Then Knox and Paul appeared and scored 45 and 23, respectively, saving the game.
But superb bowling by White, who took 5 wickets for 25, and Jameson, who took 3 wickets for 30, resulted in Argentina being skittled out for 101.
The crowd was very enthusiastic, and there was a demonstration at the conclusion of the match.
Scores:
Argentina 271 and 101 runs.
M.C.C. 384 runs for 9 wks, dec.
M.C.C. won by an innings and 12 runs.

The Solent is going to have its busiest regatta season in 1927. According to official arrangements, no fewer than 53 days in June, July, and August will be taken up by yacht-racing. Forty-one clubs will stage their annual meetings during this period. The Royal Yacht Squadron's racing has been fixed for August 3 and 4, the Royal London Yacht Club holding the "fort" on the first two days of the month, while Cowes Town Regatta takes place on the 5th.

STILL IN PRACTICE.



A very recent picture of William T. Tilden, strenuously practising to regain his lost lawn tennis laurels.

FOOTBALL MYSTERY.

AN INTERNATIONAL'S STRANGE VISITORS.

FIVE MEN IN A BAR.

What is alleged to be a serious attempt to intimidate a well-known professional footballer engaged the attention of the Brighton and Hove Albion directorate as the outcome of a remarkable experience which befell Cook, the club's international centre-forward and Sussex county cricketer.
During mail week several attempts were made by men whose identity is unknown to interview Cook, and once they found him at his home at Haywards Heath.
Five men drove up in a motor car, and two went to the house and tried to persuade Cook to come to the car on the pretext that a well-known footballer, who was in the car, wished to be introduced to him. Seeing that none of the men in the car bore any resemblance to the player named, Cook refused to go.
Intimidation or Bribery.
The men's language then became violent, and their manner threatening, and Cook came to the conclusion that the real object of their visit was either to intimidate or to bribe him in connection with his play for the Albion.
The management of the club reported the occurrence to the Football Association and to the East Sussex police.
Mr. C. F. Brown, the chairman of the Brighton and Hove Football Club directorate, said that one of Cook's visitors promised him they "would do him a bit of good." Cook interpreted this as meaning that they wished to influence his play, and refused to have anything to do with them. The men went away after stating, in a menacing way, that would not be their last visit.

AMATEURS & "PROS."

London, Jan. 17.
The Australian Tennis Council have decided that there will be no objection to exhibition matches between amateurs and professionals pending the introduction of new rules, but that the net proceeds must be used only for tennis purposes and the expenses of the amateurs must be controlled strictly by the State Association.

Sir Francis Lacey, the former secretary of the M.C.C., married in London to Mrs. Mary Marshall Campbell Walker, widow of Mr. Campbell Walker, of Rickmansworth.

The Scottish Football Association and the clubs under their jurisdiction are taking stern steps to put a stop to the bad language being used among followers of the game up North. All the culprits are being charged in local courts and fined.



Men are shown taking up one of the planes that was used in the flight through southern France.

MAYOR INCENSED.

STRANGE SEQUEL TO A ROYAL VISIT.

London, Jan. 12.
The Mayor and Corporation of King's Lynn (Norfolk) are incensed because in their absence, during a visit by Queen Mary and Prince George, a local resident, Colonel Stephen Coxon, acted as guide over the Town Hall and police station.
The council met and deplored Col. Coxon's usurpation of the Mayor's prerogatives. They prohibited his attendance at the Town Hall and access to the munitions room unless by special Mayoral permission.
Colonel Coxon, when interviewed, disclaimed having done anything wrong. He said it was a case of jealousy on the Mayor's part, despite the fact that he had informed the Mayor beforehand that the Royal visit was a private one.
Mrs. Coxon, who is a member of the council, is protesting that the resolution was out of order, because it was passed in committee, but the Town Clerk asserts that the full council passed the resolution, though the public and Press were excluded.

10,877-FOOT CLIMB.

FIRST WOMAN TO ACHIEVE THE FEAT.

Woman (says a London journal) has scored yet another triumph, the highest mountain—save one—in the Rockies of the United States having been climbed by Miss Dorothy Pilley of Camberwell.
The mountain, Mount Baker, is 10,877 feet high, and has only once been climbed before. "It is the first time a woman has attempted the feat."
Miss D. Pilley has already many difficult ascents to her credit, including Mt. Blanc and the Matterhorn. She is a member of the Alpine Club.
On the occasion of the ascent of Mount Baker she was accompanied by a Mr. Thompson, of the United States Forestry Patrol, and Mr. I. A. Richards.
Mount Baker is a volcanic mountain, and possesses a curious feature in the shape of a crater in the middle of a glacier, which is still active. Near this crater, Miss Pilley and her companions spent a night, the ascent and descent taking 48 hours to accomplish.
A curious feature of Miss Pilley's exploits is that she is a Londoner born and bred, but took enthusiastically to mountain climbing in Wales directly she left school, and made it a hobby ever since, in the interval of her work for the British Women's Patriotic League.
Miss Pilley, who is just 30 years of age, is the daughter of Dr. J. J. Pilley, of Camberwell.

WHERE DIVORCE IS EASY.

There is no place in the Empire where divorces can be so easily obtained as in South Africa. This, says the "African World," is the unanimous view of the Christian churches of the country, and they have joined forces in a campaign to combat this "moral menace" to the civic life of the community.
"Young people of to-day," declared the Dean of Johannesburg, "rush into marriage with very little sense of its being a life-long contract, because at the back of their minds there is always the thought that if the marriage does not turn out well the divorce court is open, and divorce is so handy and so easily obtained in the Transvaal that people simply do not try what is admittedly a difficult task of merging two streams into one current."
The frequency with which marriages are being dissolved, he asserts, is having a marked and injurious effect on christianised and civilised natives, who look to Europeans for leadership.

TRAVELLING INCOGNITO.

Paris, Jan. 6.
The Minister for Foreign Affairs (M. Briand), travelling as "Dr. Boyen," accompanied only by a personal friend, motored to Avignon, where trace was lost of him, and stated that he has gone to meet Signor Mussolini, while another theory is that he is merely taking a needed holiday.

PARIS CRIME.

FIVE YEARS FOR A MURDER.

Paris, Jan. 16.
A typical Montmartre crime of passion was described in Court when a rich middle-aged Spaniard—Ludro Ramos—was charged with having murdered a girl named Lillette in a restaurant where they were dining.
Ramos told the girl to look out of a window, draw a revolver and fired several shots, killing her instantly.
Ramos told the Court that Lillette's frivolous nature made him wildly jealous. He expressed deep regret and said he was mad at the time.
A waitress gave evidence that: "After Monsieur had killed Madame he settled the bill very calmly and gave a much bigger tip than usual."
The jury found Ramos guilty in extenuating circumstances, and he was sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

FOOLISH YOUTH.

UNDER A BED WITH A REVOLVER.

At Southend, Robert Perrott, an 18-year-old youth, of London Road, Westcliff, was bound over on a charge of being found on enclosed premises for an unlawful purpose. It was stated that he was taken from under a bed in a house in Victoria Avenue, Southend early in the morning.
Thomas Taylor, who resides at the house, said Perrott had walked out with his daughter Ivy, but he had told him six months ago not to go near the house again. Another daughter was reading by the fire in the dining-room at midnight, when the defendant appeared at the door with a revolver in his hand. He was chased, but got away. The police were called, and Perrott was found under the bed of witness's daughter Ivy with a revolver in his pocket. Ivy Taylor stated she was awakened by policemen in her room. Perrott was standing beside them.
It was urged on defendant's behalf that he went to the house to see Miss Ivy Taylor, with whom for some time he had been infatuated.
Defendant was fined £1 for being in possession of a revolver without a certificate.

ECCENTRIC'S SAVINGS.

Mary Ann Taylor, aged 82, an eccentric character, known in Bristol as "Paper Sally," from her habit of wandering about the streets collecting waste paper, sticks, and rags, was found dead in a corner of her room, where a fire broke out on Christmas morning. At the inquest it was stated that cash to the amount of about £30 was found in the room, wrapped in paper. Her death was attributed to heart failure secondary to apoplexy, and a verdict of accidental death was returned.

TREASURE TROVE INQUEST.

London, Jan. 5.
A treasure trove inquest, an ancient and rare form of inquiry, by a Coroner, was held at Rotherhithe to decide the ownership of 40 half-sovereigns, six sovereigns, and some gold trinkets, found during excavations on the Southern railway property at Bermondsey.
The jury returned a verdict that the find was genuine treasure trove. The Coroner ordered the treasure to go to the Treasury for distribution, explaining that the State was always liberal to finders.

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LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG FEBRUARY 8, 1927, 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hong Kong Stock Exchange.	Hong Kong Sharebrokers' Association.	Share & Real Estate Society.
T.T. on London	2034	2034	2034
T.T. on Shanghai	7734	7734	7734
Hongkong Bank	110 1/2	1090	1090
do. London	111 1/2	116 1/2	116 1/2
Chartered Bank	£21	£21	£21
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£31	£31	£31
do. C	£13 1/2	£13 1/2	£13 1/2
P. & O. Bank	£9 1/2	£10	£10
Bank of East Asia	84	70	76
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	655	640	660
China Underwriters	£180	£180	£180
North China Insurance	140	140	140
Union Insurance	285	284	284
Yangtze Insurance	£40 M.	£40	£40
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	200	200	200
H.K. Fire Insurance	615	615	615
Shipping.			
Douglases	30 1/2	30	30
Hongkong Steamboats	23 1/2	23	23 1/2
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	1.10	2 1/2	1 1/2
Indo-China (Pref.)	30	30	30
do. (Def.)	39	40	40
Shell Transport	93 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2
Star Farrier	55	55 1/2	55
Water-Boats	14	14	14 1/2
Refineries.			
China Sugars	22	20 1/2	20 1/2
Malabon Sugars	34	35	36
Mining.			
Benguets	1.30	1.30	1.30
Kallian Mining Ad.	38 1/2	42 1/2	40 1/2
Langkats (Combined)	£25	25	25
do. (Single)	12 1/2	12	12
Shanghai Exploration	13 1/2	5	5
Shanghai Loan	18	8	8
Raub	34	3.40	3 1/2
Tronoh Mines	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
Ural Caspian	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
Docks, Wharves, & Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & W. Docks	112 1/2	112 1/2	112
H.K. & W. Docks	40	38 1/2	40
Hongkew	116 1/2	116 1/2	116 1/2
New Engineering	15	43 1/2	5
Shanghai Docks	110 1/2	100 1/2	101
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	7 1/2	7 1/2	7.00
Hongkong Lands	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
Hongkong Realty	5 1/2	6	6
H.K. Territorial	2 1/2	3	2 1/2
Rumprays Estates	13 1/2	14	13 1/2
Prince's Building	80	87	87
Rural Lands	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	18 1/2	770	780
Oriental	12 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
Shanghai Cottons (old)	15 1/2	54	54
do. (new)	17 1/2	28	28
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ice	5	14	5
Cement (comb.)	8	7.90	7 1/4
do. (old)	6 1/2	7 1/2	6 1/2
do. (new)	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
China Buses	9 1/2	1	1
China Lights (comb.)	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
do. (old)	11	10 1/2	10 1/2
do. (new)	7 1/2	8	8
China Prov.	43 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2
Dairy Farms	18 1/2	17 1/2	17
Der A. Wing	6	5	5
Hongkong Amusements	1 1/2	17	16 1/2
H.K. Constructions	2.10	2.20	2 1/4
Hongkong Electricity	59	59 1/2	59
H.K. Ropes (old)	10	10	9 1/2
do. (new)	5	5	5
Hongkong Tramways	22	22.20	22 1/2
Lane, Crawfords	8	7	7
Macao Electric	35	—	—
Mackintosh	19 1/2	—	—
Nanyang Tobacco	—	0.60	0.60
Peak Trams (old)	15 1/2	15	15
do. (new)	7 1/2	8	7 1/2
Sinceres	9 1/2	9.10	9
Singapore Trams	13 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Taxis	1	70	70
United Asbestos	—	—	—
do. (Founders)	—	600	—
do. (Ordinary)	20	18	—
Watsons	12 1/2	12 1/2	12
Wm. Powells	6 1/2	5	5
H.K. Telephones	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 8th February 1927.

On London	2034
On Shanghai	7734
On Hongkong	110 1/2
On Canton	111 1/2
On Peking	116 1/2
On Hankow	116 1/2
On Tientsin	116 1/2
On Harbin	116 1/2
On Manchuria	116 1/2
On Korea	116 1/2
On Japan	116 1/2
On Australia	116 1/2
On New Zealand	116 1/2
On South Africa	116 1/2
On India	116 1/2
On Ceylon	116 1/2
On Java	116 1/2
On Sumatra	116 1/2
On Borneo	116 1/2
On Celebes	116 1/2
On Moluccas	116 1/2
On Philippines	116 1/2
On Iloilo	116 1/2
On Cebu	116 1/2
On Manila	116 1/2
On Batavia	116 1/2
On Surabaya	116 1/2
On Semarang	116 1/2
On Solo	116 1/2
On Yogyakarta	116 1/2
On Palembang	116 1/2
On Medan	116 1/2
On Padang	116 1/2
On Bengkulu	116 1/2
On Lampung	116 1/2
On Palembang	116 1/2
On Medan	116 1/2
On Padang	116 1/2
On Bengkulu	116 1/2
On Lampung	116 1/2

Geneva	12.22
Amsterdam	12.13
Milan	11.38
Berlin	10.46
Stockholm	18.17
Copenhagen	18.19
Oslo	18.19
Vienna	34.49
Prague	16.31
Hamburg	19.94
Madrid	29.74
Lisbon	17.72
Athens	31.41
Rio	61
Buenos Aires	1.6
Bombay	3.4
Yokohama	20.9/84
Shanghai	2.98
Silver Spot	27.1/8
Silver Forward	27.1/8

STUNG BY "BLUE BOTTLES."

Sydney, Jan. 16.
The thousands of bathers who patronise the Bondi and North Bondi beaches to-day had an unpleasant time. Early in the morning swarms of "blue bottles" came into the bay, and immediately commenced to make their presence felt. Several bathers, feeling a sharp pain, hurried ashore and sought treatment, and it was not long before the attacks spread alarmingly. The surf club had men on hand to treat the wounded, and throughout the day portions of the beach were converted into temporary hospitals. It is estimated that fully 1,000 people received treatment.

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RADIO TOPICS

THE FAMOUS "S."

MARCONI TELLS OF A GREAT THRILL

London.—"On the 12th of December, 1901, I sat in a room of a disused barracks on Signal Hill, St. John's, Newfoundland. On a table stood some instruments connected by a thin wire with a kite that was upheld at a height of about 400 feet by an Atlantic gale. To the same instruments there was connected a telephone in which, shortly afterwards, I heard sounds constituting evidence that in far-distant Cornwall the rhythmic signals that correspond to the letter 'S' in the Morse code had been projected into the ether of space and had actually crossed the Atlantic."

In these words Senator Marconi described the experiments of 25 years ago when, as a young inventor, he carried out as an ambitious experiment as any inventor could have attempted, and succeeded. The result of this experiment was to prove that the curvature of the earth did not constitute an obstacle to the transmission and reception of wireless messages, and gave such an impetus to the development of communication by wireless telegraphy that within comparatively a few years after the single letter "S" was heard by wireless 1,800 miles across the Atlantic, every important country in the world possessed a wireless telegraph organization, and wireless messages were sent as a daily occurrence from one side of the world to the other.

In view of the importance of all that was at stake, I had decided not to trust entirely to the usual arrangement of having the coherer signals recorded automatically through a relay and a Morse instrument on a paper tape, but to use instead a telephone connected to a self-restoring coherer, the human ear being far more sensitive than the recorder. Suddenly, about half-past twelve, unmistakably three faint clicks in the telephone, corresponding to three dots of the Morse code, sounded several times in my ear as I listened intently; but I would not be satisfied without corroboration.

"Can you hear anything, Mr. Kemp?" I said, handing the telephone to my assistant. Kemp heard the same thing as I, and knew then that I had absolutely correctly right in my anticipations. The electric waves which were being sent out from Poldhu had traversed the Atlantic, serenely ignoring the curvature of the earth which so many doubters considered would be a fatal obstacle, and they were now affecting my receiver in Newfoundland.

"I knew then that the day on which I should be able to send full messages without wires or cables across the Atlantic was not very far distant and, as Dr. Pupin, the celebrated Serbian-American scientist, very rightly said shortly afterwards, the faintness of the signals had nothing to do with it. The distance had been overcome and further development of the sending and receiving apparatus was all that was required."

MONKS BROADCAST.

On December 28, at 7.50 p.m. Greenwich time, Hilversum broadcast station (wave-length 1,050m.) relayed the Christmas celebrations from the Franciscan monastery at Weert, in North Limburg, Holland.

Most of the music sung by the choir of monks dates from the 13th century.

During the service a sermon was preached by Father Borromeus de Greeve, a Franciscan, one of the most popular preachers in Holland.

The New Year was rung in by wireless by the bells of St. Botolph's Church, Bishopscote. Until two a.m. there was music by Mr. Jack Hylton's mused dance bands from the Albert Hall ball in aid of the Middlesex Hospital.

Inland trunk telephone calls during August, the latest month for which figures are available, numbered 7,495,096, an increase of 701,570, or 10.3 per cent. over the figure for the corresponding month last year. Calls made during the month to the Continent numbered 21,024, and those from the Continent 23,564, representing increases of 4,505 and 8,000 respectively over last year's figures.

TELEVISION MARVEL

SHOWING MOVING PICTURES BY WIRELESS.

The international race towards the perfection of television continues. An announcement has appeared regarding a method of illuminating the object to be transmitted, suggested by Mr. J. L. Baird, while MM. Edouard Belin, de Broglie, and Dauvillier, and M. Valensi, working in Paris, are showing considerable activity in the same field of research.

It is well known that light-sensitive cells may be designed to work more effectively with certain colours and will, if required, work in conjunction with lights that are not visible to the human eye.

In order to obviate the discomfort caused by bright lights, Mr. Baird has devised an attachment to his light-sensitive cell enabling it to be worked in conjunction with infra-red rays which are quite invisible, and beyond a slight radiation of warmth, cause no discomfort.

Mr. T. Thorne Baker, whose writings on this and kindred subjects are well known, told a press representative in mail week that he felt sure that the successful television apparatus of the future would work on considerably different lines from those employed by Mr. Baird.

The Speed Factor.

"Television," he said, "is merely a method of securing the very rapid transmission of consecutive images, and the galvanometer used must be capable, therefore, of very much greater rapidity of working than is necessary in the case of mere photo-telegraphy. In the Belin-Holwech apparatus a signal period of a ten-millionth of a second could quite easily be dealt with, using a cathode ray oscillograph; there is, in fact, no reasonable limit to the working frequency."

"With regard to the use of infra-red rays," he continued, "this was employed extensively and successfully during the latter part of the war, when it was developed for secret signaling. It could be used in the light of day or at night time with equal success; sensitive instruments being capable of eliminating all light rays, except the particular ray in use."

M. Belin has worked for many years on the problem of photo-telegraphy, which is the art of transmitting to a distance, by wire or wireless, still pictures and photographs, and is being used extensively in newspaper work. The two subjects, photo-telegraphy and television are kindred studies, and Belin's experience in the former of these two researches should give him considerable advantage over his rivals.

SOLAR "MESSAGES."

In addressing a gathering of 1,500 scientists from all parts of the world at Philadelphia Dr. Michael Pupin, the famous expert in means of communication, made the startling announcement that "atmospheric" and the fading nuisances so well known to wireless enthusiasts were "messages" from the sun and the planets which man would probably be able to decipher.

Dr. Pupin made it quite clear that he used the word "message" in a symbolic sense, and meant merely the electrical attraction between the earth and the planets as demonstrated by the periodical swing of great earth currents, the tidal flux of electricity through submarine cables, and objectionable noises in wireless instruments.

These phenomena would in time be interpreted, and man would learn the real meaning of these "messages" coming through space. When questioned about the possibility of inter-planetary communication, Dr. Pupin shook his head dubiously, and said that he doubted that man would ever reach a point of scientific knowledge and power at which he could make the whole globe an aerial for transmitting messages into space. When he could do that there might be a different story.

All the prizes offered in the British Broadcasting Company's Autumn Musical Festival Competition have been withheld, the judges being unanimously of opinion that none of the 240 works submitted was of sufficient merit.

RADIO MALADY.

"SECRET MESSAGES" TO VICTIMS.

Radio rabies—the latest mystery disease, believed to have its origin in the wireless craze—is spreading. Sufferers imagine that they are human wireless receiving sets and are being attacked by ruthless enemies who send them threatening messages and inflict upon them various kinds of torture, including burning with red-hot wires.

Several new cases have recently come to light showing an alarming increase of the malady. Doctors who have investigated the matter consider themselves baffled.

Dental Plate Messages!

A number of instances have come to the knowledge of Professor A. M. Low, the well-known wireless expert, who within the past few weeks has received letters from people in various parts of the country who believe they are the victims of some strange radio rays.

"One man," he told the "Sunday Chronicle," "wrote asking me if a dental plate could act as a wireless receiver. He declared that he was continually getting messages from an unknown source as clearly as though the receiving set were in hand."

"Some of the messages were threatening and caused him great alarm."

"The day may come," added Professor Low, "when we shall have to wear some protective device to shield us from the thoughts and messages of others, but it won't be yet awhile."

INDIAN RADIO COMPANY.

A radio-broadcasting company for India has been definitely organized under the name of the Indian Broadcasting Company, Ltd., with an authorized capital of \$540,000.

The new company intends to establish two radio-casting stations, one in Bengal and the other in the Bombay Presidency. Each station will be of 12 kilowatts capacity and will cost approximately \$72,000, while the annual operating expenses are estimated at about the same figure.

Under ordinary conditions it is expected that the stations will have a radius of 250 miles and under favourable conditions 500 miles. The company will receive 80 per cent. of the value of radio-casting receiving licences issued and 10 per cent. of the import value of all wireless receiving apparatus and accessories brought into the country.

GOODS TRAIN RADIO.

As a result of experiments conducted on the New York railways, goods trains in the near future will be equipped with wireless to enable guards to talk to the engine-drivers.

The scheme is designed to do away with the necessity of the guard clambering along the wagons if he desires to communicate with the driver, and would be of especial use in heavy snow or rain storms.

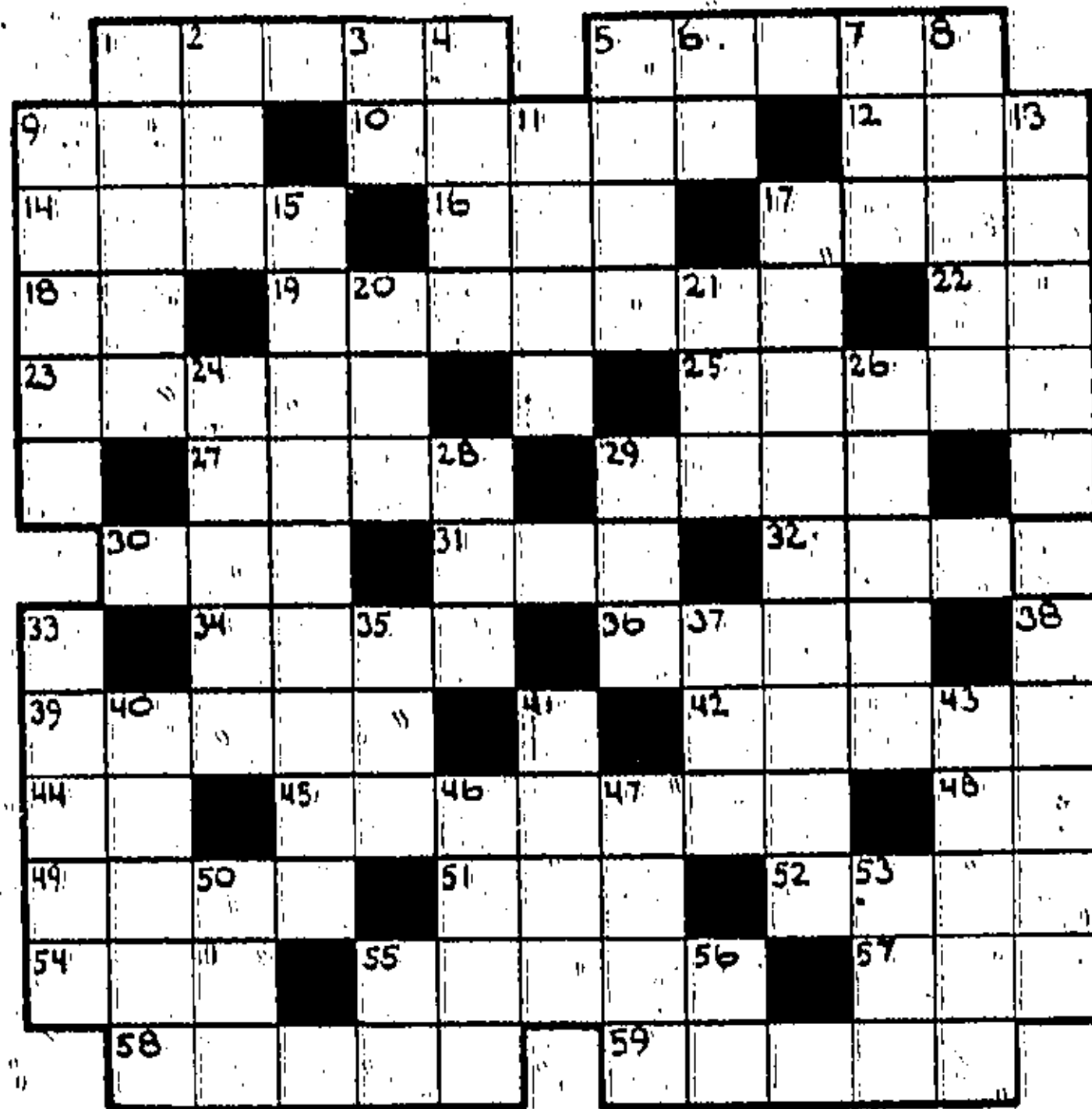
In the experiments, an aerial consisting of 34 feet of 1½-in. brass pipe was placed over the engine. Rubber-covered wire was used as the aerial on the guard's van, while duplicate radio sets, generators, and batteries, with loudspeakers, microphones, and hand receivers, were placed on the engine and in the guard's van. Excellent results were obtained in the tests, except when the trains passed over or under steel bridges.

NEW JAPANESE SERVICE.

The wireless station in Osaka, Japan, is now regularly receiving direct wireless messages from the Sainte Anne wireless station near Paris, according to advices from the American Ambassador in Tokyo, made public by the Department of Commerce. This service was commenced recently and is a considerable advance in speed and scope over the wireless communication between Japan and France heretofore established. Formerly wireless messages from France to Japan were sent from the Bordeaux station and were transmitted indirectly to the Iwakuni Station in northern Japan, while the messages were confined to news dispatches.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-A partridge-like bird | 44-Domestic animal | 13-Shallow serving |
| 2-Precipitation that falls in flakes (pl.) | 45-Injury (pl.) | 14-Device |
| 3-Except (abbr.) | 46-Point of compass (abbr.) | 15-Bilaterally |
| 4-Contains all | 47-Containing all | 16-Robin |
| 5-Entomology (abbr.) | 48-Measure of weight | 17-Prefix meaning "three" |
| 6-A sly look | 49-Sound | 18-Zoological garden |
| 7-Enthusiasm | 50-Flash eggs | 19-Portals |
| 8-The stern | 51-To skip lightly | 20-Darlings |
| 9-Early English (abbr.) | 52-Clover reapers | 21-Small bed |
| 10-To set down by items | 53-Municipal officer | 22-A member of Congress (abbr.) |
| 11-U. S. (abbr.) | 54-To banish | 23-Footprint (S. Afr.) |
| 12-Zest | | 24-Parasite |
| 13-Culicid | VERTICAL | 25-Hoax |
| 14-Pertaining to the ear | 1-Odd | 26-Mixture of rain and snow |
| 15-A garment | 2-Indian tribe | 27-Self-evident truth |
| 16-To court | 3-Weather | 28-The king of beasts |
| 17-Knock | 4-To wash | 29-Orbit name |
| 18-To dull by inaction | 5-Prefix meaning "half" | 30-Heavenly body |
| 19-Wharf | 6-Province of Canada (abbr.) | 31-One time |
| 20-Cut of date | 7-Tiny | 32-Meadow |
| 21-Pertaining to the nose | 8-A slow-moving mollusk | 33-A wise old bird |
| | 9-Dreary | 34-Perform |
| | 10-Silver coin | 35-Prefix meaning "out of" |

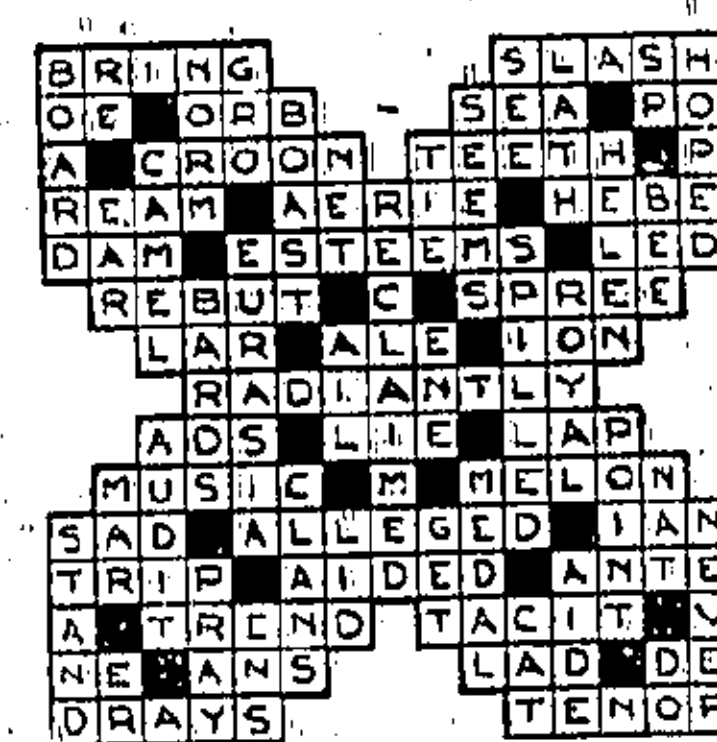
SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will give you a clue to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

COMMISSION ON RADIO.

Washington, Jan. 22.—A tentative agreement on radio control legislation has been reached by Senate and House conferees who would create a commission of five members to be appointed by the President. The commission would issue broadcast licenses and pass on controversial questions. The necessity of some legislation to regulate broadcasting by the increasing number of stations has been realized for some time and efforts by Mr. Herbert Hoover to bring broadcasters to an agreement has so far failed.

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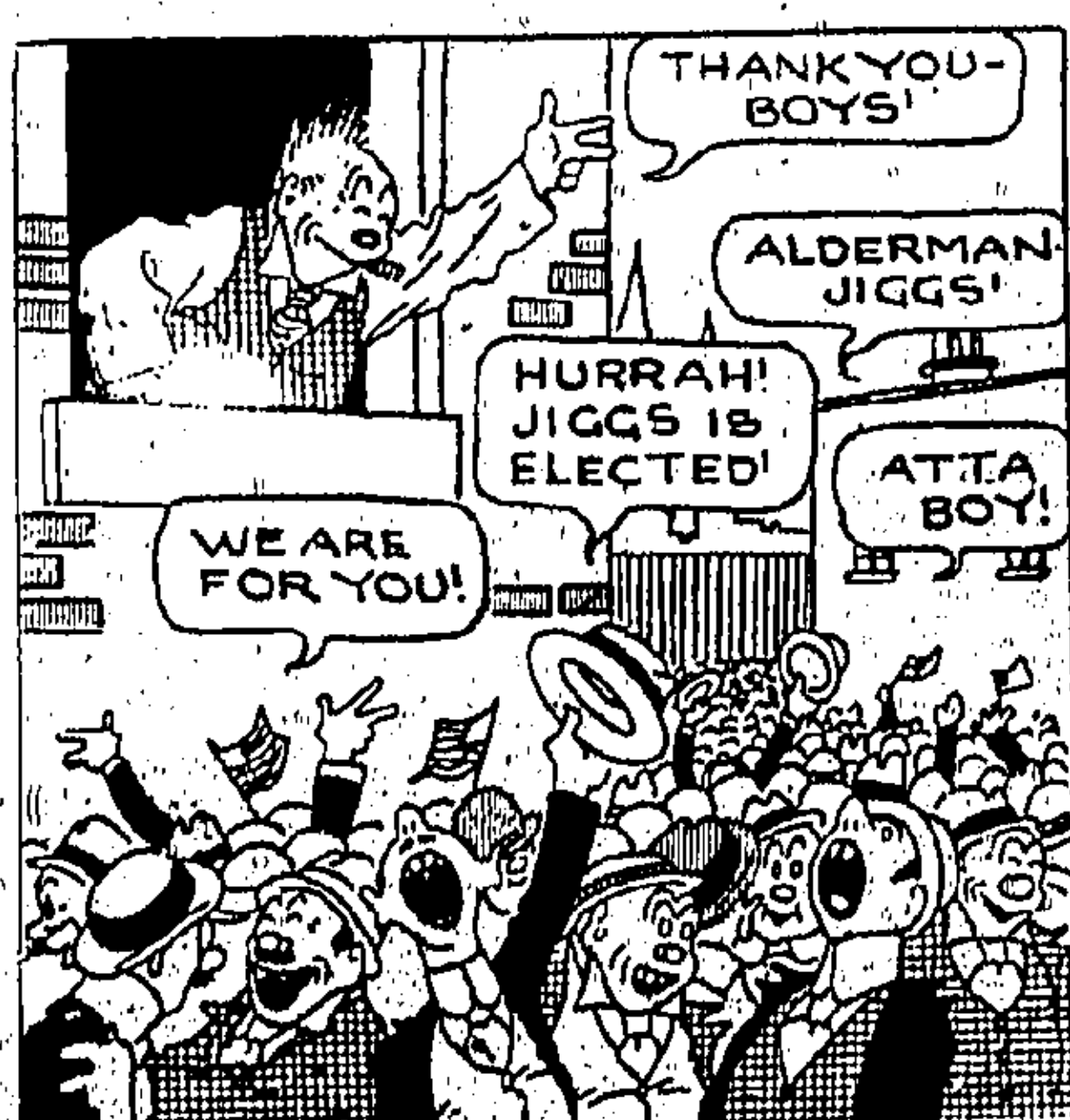
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Losses on Hull Corporation
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the past six months exceeded
£18,000.

A number of men imprisoned
in Cardiff Jail and Durham Pri-
son for offences under the Em-
ergency Powers Regulations were
released under a Home Office
order.

Death from Natural Causes
was the inquest verdict at
Harrow on Colonel E. G. Mercer,
aged 53, music master at Harrow
School, who was found dead in
his room.

The Tudor silver cup which has
been in Waterbeach Parish
Church, near Cambridge, for
several centuries was sold by
auction for £3,200 at Calder
House Piccadilly, W.

A sentence of a month's im-
prisonment on a man at Carn-
donagh, County Donegal, did not
take effect until the New Year,
to enable the man to spend
Christmas with his family.

A hare, hard pressed by the
Minehead Harriers during their
Boxing Day Hunt, took refuge be-
hind some boxes near a shop in
Glenmore Road, Minehead, from
which it was rescued by a woman,
who carried it away wrapped in
her shawl.

The Afghan newspapers have
published the text of the Russo-
Afghan treaty of neutrality and
mutual non-aggression, signed at
King Amanullah's summer palace
at Paghman on August 31, and
the treaty of friendship of
September 14, 1926.

A message from Melbourne
says that detectives who raided
suspected premises in Caulfield
discovered a complete note-forging
plant, and seized about 1,000
spurious £5 notes. The police
theory is that the forgers in-
tended to circulate the notes dur-
ing the Christmas races at
Caulfield and elsewhere.

A motor-car, the driver of
which was apparently dazzled by
the headlights of another car,
ran into the tail of a wedding
procession of 35 persons near
Clermont, Ferrand, France.
Eighteen members of the party
were knocked down and about ten
of them, including the bride, were
more or less seriously injured.

The Diet of the State of Anhalt
has ratified a property agreement
concluded between the State Gov-
ernment and the former ducal
house. Under this agreement a
number of castles as well as valu-
able pictures and other objects of
art become the property of the
State, which in return under-
takes to look after the surviving
officials and employees of the
former ducal household.

Scarborough magistrates re-
fused a licence extension to per-
mit champagne to be served to
wedding guests in a local hotel in
the afternoon.

At Aberdeen, when John Mor-
rison, cycle agent, Garmond, was
fined 20s. for the non-attendance
of two of his children at school.
It was stated that he was aged
75, had been married twice, and
had had 24 children.

At the London Guildhall the
Hamilton (Ontario) branch of
the Shaftesbury Society and
Ragged School Union entertained
to a Christmas party 1,200 poor
and crippled children from the
Mission Schools and Cripple
Parlours in London.

In the number of passengers
carried London's Underground,
omnibuses, and tramway-cars
broke three records in December
— on Saturday, December 18
(heaviest day's traffic), 5,647,732
passengers were carried; on
Christmas Eve, 5,555,000 passen-
gers, and on Boxing Day, 3,099-
500 passengers.

The first sod of the North
South Australian Railway exten-
sion from Oodnadatta northward
was turned on January 21 by Dr.
Page, the Acting Prime Minister
of Australia. The first 21 miles
will be built by departmental
labour and the rest of the section
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Edmonton, N. Board of
Guardians have for the first time
appointed a woman—Miss Fanny
Cattle, of Tottenham—as a dis-
trict medical officer.

Immediately after his wedding
at Brighton, Charles Hardwicke,
a private in the Royal Sussex
Regiment, was arrested as a de-
serter from his regiment.

For the first time in 29 years
the Mansfield, Nottinghamshire,
Police Court, had a blank charge-
sheet and the mayor was present
with a pair of white gloves.

Superintendent Cocksworth,
who retires from Hull police
force, is one of two farm hands
from the same village who be-
came divisional police superinten-
dents.

The official price of standard
grade flour in the Home Counties
is now 46s. per 280lb.; 6d. to 1s.
less delivered within the London
districts—a decrease of 1s. per
280lb.

The first prosecution of its kind
in Manchester was heard when
David Sanderson, of Cheetham
Hill Road, was ordered to pay the
costs for failing to produce a
tramway-car ticket to an inspec-
tor.

Said to have been offering to
pawn a pearl button valued at
£350 for £1, Henry Wallace, 65, a
porter, was remanded at Marl-
borough Street charged with
stealing it from a house in
Harewood Place, N.W.

The United States Senate has
ordered an inquiry into the re-
lationship between the Chester Oil
Concessions in Mosul and the
State Department's part in the
Lausanne Conference which re-
sulted in the general recognition
of the Turkish Republic.

The Turkish Government has
approved the proposal for es-
tablishing a train-ferry across
the Bosphorus which will make it
possible for the Simplon Orient
express, which at present stops
at Constantinople, to run through
from Paris to Angora.

Among lots to be auctioned for
the benefit of the National Asso-
ciation for the Prevention of
Tuberculosis at the ball at Lans-
downe House, W., was a blank
canvas upon which Sir William
Orpen, R.A., executed a portrait
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probably a record salmon with a
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said Mr. Kidder, "and the name

opinion was expressed by game
wardens who viewed the fish in the
live box. But the really great point
was the terrific fight that this fish
put up. This was so spectacular and
so fast and furious, accompanied by
rush after rush of 150 to 200 feet, that
we had no time to take a picture of it.
"My canoe man and myself were
busy every second of the time from
twenty minutes past four until after
dark. In fact up to the last few
minutes of the fight I stood with one
foot in the bow of the canoe constan-
tly, when I was not in the canoe and
chasing the fish back and forth across
the stream.
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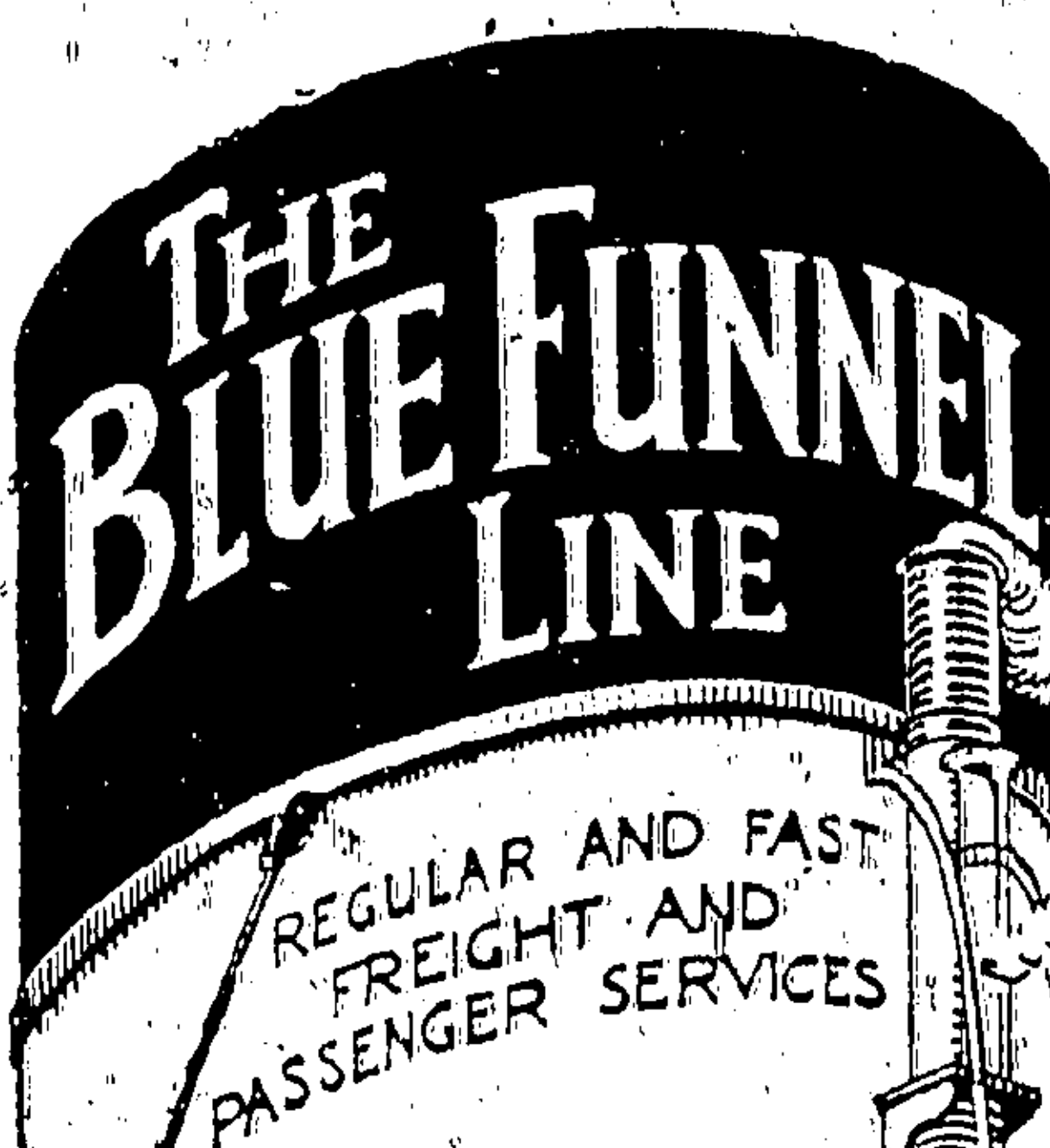
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AFTER 300 YEARS.

Changes in the Prayer Book.

BRIDES AND THE WORD "OBEY."

Rugby, Feb. 7.
Many changes in the Church services are authorised in the proposed new Prayer Book which has been drawn up by the Bishops of the Church of England and was laid before the Convocation of Canterbury and York sitting together this afternoon in Westminster.

The proposal to make alterations in the Prayer Book after nearly 300 years has aroused acute controversy, and the recommendations of the bishops are in the nature of a compromise between the Evangelicals on the one hand and the Anglo-Catholics on the other.

The use of the new Prayer Book is not compulsory, and it is dependent on the goodwill of each individual congregation.

The changes affect the Communion and include new forms of service to meet modern conditions and problems.

Important among these is the omission from the marriage service of the promise of the bride to obey and serve her husband.

The bridegroom instead of declaring "with all my worldly goods I thee endow," declares "all my worldly goods I with thee share."

Cremation is provided for, and in the prayers for industrial peace and the League of Nations and at election time, developments in the world since the last revision of the year 1662 are freely recognised.

Prayers for dead are for the first time included in the burial service, being authorised for "Those whom we love but see no longer."—British Wireless Service.

Not Yet Final.

London, Feb. 7.
The most important ecclesiastical event in the Church of England in living memory is a meeting of the Convocations of Canterbury and York held in London at which two Archbishops presented a draft copy of the revised Prayer Book prepared by the House of Bishops for final consideration by the Convocation of all proposals of a permissive character to increase the number of general prayers, notably to include reference to the League of Nations and industrial peace.

The proposals involve minor amendments to the services of baptism, marriage and burial, requiring both bride and bridegroom to respond promising to "comfort, honour and keep." The bride has no longer to promise to "obey."

Henceforth there is a reservation that the sacrament shall only be used for communion for the sick.
It is stipulated that changes shall not be used arbitrarily or without the goodwill of the people represented in the Parochial Church Council.

The revision has not yet received final form pending consideration by the Convocation which gives its verdict on Feb. 29, after which the Prayer Book will be submitted to Parliament, who may accept or reject it but not amend it.—Reuter.

INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC.

Berlin, Jan. 13.

There are at least 80,000 cases of influenza in Berlin. Eight per cent. of the workers in offices and factories are affected.

Geneva, Jan. 14.

The League of Nations bulletin shows that influenza has spread to Spain, Greece, Roumania, Poland and other countries hitherto unaffected. The violence of the epidemic is increasing in Germany and declining in Switzerland. The registration of cases has been made compulsory in Poland. Thirteen deaths occurred last week at Amsterdam.

The epidemic has crossed the Mediterranean, and has broken out with particular severity in Egypt, which reports 38 deaths out of 171 cases.

LOCAL "ELECTION."

Tremendous Enthusiasm Shown.

LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

Scenes of tremendous enthusiasm marked the proceedings at the European Y.M.C.A. last night when the three parties who are conducting a "Town Council" election campaign held massed meetings.

More thorough of any party in its organisation was that of the "Socialists" who dressed to their parts and acted in accordance with tradition in "howling-down" opposition speakers.

The Moderates held a meeting during dinner, Messrs. Walker and Keates, the two Moderate candidates, being introduced by Mr. Baxter. Mr. Keates made a humorous speech, playing on the nature of the occupations of the Labour leaders and their disinclination for work, also their lack of constructive policy. Mr. Keates also contrasted the ambitious policy of the Progressives, involving enormous cost on the ratepayers without secured returns, with the more moderate progress advocated by the Moderates.

Mr. Walker had worked out the cost of the proposed schemes in more detail, pointing out that works involving expenditure of something like £64,000 were to fall on the shoulders of about 2,500 ratepayers.

The Socialists meeting which followed in the lounge, was ably presided over by Mr. E. G. Bolas. The theme taken by him and by Messrs. Munn, Long and Sands, the succeeding speakers, was that the proposed works were catering for the pampered richer classes. Would not the money be better employed in the erection of better working class homes and the construction of a playground for their children?

The Progressives had the last word, under the chairmanship of Mr. Murray, other speakers being Messrs. MacArthur and Sewell. Had not their party whilst in power drawn Mudford-on-Sea (the fictitious town taken) from its obscurity and would it not be for the benefit of all (workers included) that this "development" should continue? Would not there be larger markets for the fishermen and those interested in the shops of the town?

The three parties are holding meetings to-night, the Moderates starting at 8.30 followed by the other parties.

More and more posters, many brilliantly conceived and executed, have appeared, that by Mr. May (for the Moderates) being a work of art.

THIRD SESSION.

REOPENING OF PARLIAMENT TO-DAY.

A REFERENCE TO CHINA.

London, Feb. 7.
Accompanied by the Queen and the Prince of Wales, the King will tomorrow open in state the third session of the present Parliament. In accordance with custom both Houses will adjourn after the King's Speech from the Throne and will meet later to discuss the address in reply. It is anticipated that the speech will contain an important reference to the Chinese situation.

Regarding domestic legislation, it seems probable that Parliament will be asked to deal with the projected reform of Poor Law or the long-promised Factories Bill until the autumn at least. Meanwhile further examination of the whole scheme for the reform of the Poor Law will be undertaken, particularly in reference to the finances of the proposal and to the question of disfranchising persons receiving poor relief.

The principal legislation to be presented during this session, in addition to the Finance Bill, will probably be a bill for amending the Importing of Goods into the British Isles (No. 1) Bill, a measure to amend the King's title in accordance with the decision of the Imperial Conference. British Wireless Service.

GLEAM OF HOPE?

(Continued from Page 1.)

worth all the verbal professions in the world. When the protection of the British in Shanghai is thoroughly assured, and when it is made perfectly plain that the British while refusing to take sides in the Chinese civil wars, do not intend to allow themselves to be driven by the mob into the sea, then perhaps the rival factions will cease trying to outbid each other in demonstrations against us, and will realise that there is a great and real advantage for China in orderly negotiation on the liberal proposal of the British Government.—Reuter.

CUSTOMS PROTEST.

Sir Francis Aglen in Peking.

London, Feb. 6.

Sir Francis Aglen, who, in his absence, was dismissed from his post as Inspector General of the Customs Service, has returned to Peking.

The position created by his dismissal was, yesterday, examined by the Diplomatic Corps. The correspondent in Peking of the newspaper "Observer," says it was decided to make strong joint representations to the Peking Government on behalf of the Powers.—British Wireless Service.

Peking, Feb. 7.
The Diplomatic Body, after discussing Sir Francis Aglen's dismissal for the last three days, has handed in a memorandum to the Foreign Office couched in a friendly manner but protesting against the dismissal.—Reuter.

"BEARS" CAUGHT.

SENSATIONAL RISE IN STOCK.

MILLIONS LOST.

New York, Feb. 7.
The most sensational rise in stock since the competitive bidding by Hill and Harriman a quarter of a century ago forced Northern Pacific Railways to \$1,000 a share occurred to-day when Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad stock touched \$95, or 68 points above the price in January. Overnight the loan premium jumped to \$7 a share—the highest on record.

The authorities estimate that bear traders were caught short of stock and must have already lost millions of dollars. It appears that the New York Central Railroad have acquired nearly 100,000 shares in the Wheeling and Lake Erie Line.—Reuter's American Service.

FLYING HOME.

BAD WEATHER DELAYS AIR LINER.

Rugby, Feb. 7.
Sir Samuel Hoare, the Minister for Air, and Lady Maud Hoare, arrived at Heliopolis Aerodrome, near Cairo, this evening, in the aeroliner "City of Delhi," on their return flight from India. They had been somewhat delayed during the last stage by bad weather.

The journey from Cairo to Paris will not be made by air, but an Imperial Airways liner will meet the party in Paris and bring them on to London.—British Wireless Service.

ARMED ROBBERY.

TAIKOO OFFICE BOY VICTIMISED.

An office boy employed at Taikoo Dockyard has reported to the Police that, whilst he was asleep in his house at Shaikwan this morning, he was awakened by the opening of a door. Three men, masked and carrying revolvers, entered his room and made off with money and jewellery valued at \$55.

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